

CAVANALECK CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105596)

CAVANALECK 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 2023 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

CAVANALECK congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Belfast Road, Fivemiletown, BT75 0SE

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CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

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PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Rev. David Curran he left the congregation in August 2024
Clerk of session	Dr. Charles McKibbin
Treasurer	Mr Irwin Lapsley 109 Ballagh Road Fivemiletown BT75 0QP

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr. Paul Eakin, alan Montgomery & Co 100 Main Street, Fivemiletown

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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 Session 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 were held during the year. Many of the other session meetings were held jointly with the Aughentaine congregation session

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. 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.

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. CAVANALECK congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the OMAGH Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregation 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.

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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.

CAVANALECK congregation 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 purpose is *that CAVANALECK CONGREGATION exists to love and glorify GOD, to love and care for one another and to love and reach our neighbour with the good news of Jesus Christ.*

To fulfil our purpose statement CAVANALECK CONGREGATION seeks to:-

**Bring people to a saving faith in Jesus Christ and then prepare and motivate them for active membership in His Church*

**Teach, enable and empower people to grow in Christ-like character and Christian living.*

**Send people out to live their everyday lives both at home and overseas as fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ*

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice

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ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

CAVANALECK CONGREGATION Continued as a joint charge with Aughtentine congregation.. In late 2022 after much discussion the times of our services were changed to 10.30am in Cavanaleck Church and 11.45 in Aughtentine church.. This went smoothly with little objection.

Services were held in Cavanaleck church most Sundays but a joint service was held on Sundays during July and August and at other times such as Christmas and new Year.

The effects of Covid were still obvious in that some families had still not returned to regular attendance. Frequent evening services at 7pm were also held.

Communion was observed on four occasions and home communions were offered to those who could not attend the church service

We have had a close relationship with the local Church of Ireland and Methodist churches and we had a joint fellowship meal at Easter and a short joint series of evening teaching in the Autumn

We installed two new elders in February and a new committee was installed .

Four teenagers and five adults were accepted into fellowship on Profession of faith.

The number of families during the year was 92 but contributing families had fallen to 80.

At the beginning of 2023 the situation in the Presbyterian Church In Ireland was brought to our attention ie Church membership and financial income were both falling throughout the denomination. This was being assessed by a strategy group and considerable changes in how different congregations are linked together will have to be established. As yet there is no advice as to how our Congregation will be affected.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Two events in our church calendar were notable . The first was the start of a LEGO club towards the end of 2023. This became popular and was to grow rapidly to 40 children and 20 parents meeting on a Saturday morning.

The other was the Holiday Bible Club which had grown to around 170 children attending over the five days.

Worship and prayer

At the services on Sundays the minister had introduced more involvement from the elders so they covered announcements, call to worship, responsive psalm and announcing the first hymn before handing over to the Minister. Church members also did the reading and prayer for others

The elders generally met with the minister for prayer prior to the Sunday services and there was a regular prayer meeting on a Thursday evening. While numbers were small we felt it was one of the most important events in our church life

Some members had continued small groups for prayer outside the confines of the church

Pastoral care

Most of the pastoral care took place on an ad hoc basis when we were informed of sickness or other problems in a house hold. The minister was enthusiastic about visiting members both at home or in hospital during periods of illness or other pastoral issues

Home communions were offered to members who were not able to attend the church services.

Mission Outreach

Cavanaleck congregation has long been enthusiastic about mission at home and overseas. During the year various missionaries were asked to speak at the church services . One member, Sarah Bleakley, works as a missionary with CEF in Lapland and another former member continues close ties with us as they work with Wycliffe Bible translators.

We are also interested in PCI missionaries and,others working with Wywam,and Hamsayeh International.

We were also involved in local mission outreach by supporting local food banks and toys for Christmas

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The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. This fund enables congregations to support the wider mission of the denomination and to do mission and outreach on a denominational basis beyond what the congregation could do on its own. The United Appeal Fund provides financial support for mission personnel at home and overseas, assists congregations with the deployment of locally based staff, enables church planting, provides grant support for the upkeep of church premises, assist with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregation in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

The congregation also contributes to the denominations annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School project and any other special appeals.

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.

Property

No major repair work was required but a wood burner was installed for the comfort of the manse family

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ORGANISATIONSs AND APROXIMATE NUMBERS

SUNDAY SCHOOL 12

TOTS TIME Thursday 12

MIDWEEK PRAYER MEETING 8-10

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN 20

J - SEEKERS 5

LEGO CLUB NEW VENTURE 15 – 40 CHILDREN WITH10 -20 PARENTS

GROW & GO 20 – 30

COFFEE & CHAT SENIOR MEMBERS 20 – 30

BANNER CLUB 3 PLUS Aughentaine members

HOLIDAY BIBLE CLUB 170

PRECEPTS BIBLE STUDY 7

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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).

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.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income was members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 79 contributors during the year donating a total of £39,022 compared to £38,347 the previous year.

Total Income for the congregation during 2023 was £94,705, compared to £82,320 in the previous year.

Total expenditure was £88,500 compared to £81,934 in the previous year.

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 **on 3rd October 2024**

Name Charles McKibbin

Name Valerie Adams

Name Lorraine Bleakley

Name Alex Boyd

Name Stephen Bleakley

Name Florence Kirk

(Rev. Curran already transferred to new charge)

