

**Glendermott Presbyterian Church a congregation of the
Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

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

Registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland NIC105661

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 including a Balance Sheet as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Glendermott Presbyterian congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Church Road
Londonderry
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Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (**NIC105661**)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Rev. Stephen Hibbert (Chair)	Mr. Raymond Dunlop	Mr. Stephen Neely
Mr. Derek Allen	Mr. David Glenn	Mr. Ronald Taylor
Mr. David Allen	Mr. Craig Henderson	Mr. Mark Thompson
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Mrs. Avril Chambers		Mrs. Joanna Walker
Mr. David Chambers		Mr. Billy Willis
Dr. Norman Chestnutt		Mr. Sam Young
Mr. David Devine		

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Rev. Stephen Hibbert
Clerk of Session	Mr. George Walker
Treasurer	Mr. David Campbell

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

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Ulster Bank

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SOLICITORS

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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 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 at least twice in each year or as appropriate.

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. Glendermott Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Derry & Donegal 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 each 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.

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DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE

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

The congregation's mission purposes is by the grace of God, to help people of all ages become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

- is increasingly characterised by love for God, and love and concern for others;
- is committed to the historic Christian gospel as revealed in the Bible;
- is relevant to people of this time and place.

The congregation aims to live out its Mission and Vision as a family of God's people by being:

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.
- 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

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on several occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular bible study meetings and has a wide range of organisations including

- Sunday School
- Youth Club
- Mothers and Toddlers
- Bowling Club
- Boys Brigade
- Girls Brigade
- Curling Club
- Midweek Bible Study
- Praise Band

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11.30am. On Wednesday evenings the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at four Sacraments of Baptism, we conducted one marriage service and gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2022 there were 600 communicant members and 448 of families connected with the congregation.

The average week attendance at morning worship during the year was 150.

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, or elders.

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Mission and outreach

At a local level the congregation continues to share the truth of God's word to all and support home and overseas mission by means of the United Appeal with each contributing family being furnished with envelopes.

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 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 Schools' project and any other special appeals.

Presbytery

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our minister and 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

Major refurbishment works on the Church building commenced in late 2019 and completed with a handover of the Church by the contractor in December 2020. The overall costs of the project have yet to be finalised.

Organisations

All organisations re-opened from October 2021 when restrictions were eased after the global pandemic.

Mothers and Toddlers meet on a Wednesday from 10am to 11.30am. They have an average attendance of 30 children with their parent/ carer. The children enjoyed the fun of playing with the toys, arts and crafts and a sing song along while the parent/ carer enjoyed a well, earned cup of tea.

The Boys Brigade met during 2022/2023 from September to March. Anchor Boy enrolment was 31. Junior section enrolment was 12 and Senior Section Enrolment was 23. This was a total of 66 boys. Thank you to the 13 officers and helpers who gave their time to make this happen. The boys met on Thursday evenings between 6.15pm and 10.00pm with an overlap of each section. They all enjoyed fellowship together with our Scripture readings and stories. We have been very fortunate to have secured additional funding from four different grants which enabled us to purchase embroidered Softshell Jackets and additional sports equipment for the boys. We also used this funding to help with the running costs. We as leaders are very proud of all the boys in each section, with eight boys achieving their Presidents badge, two completing their Queens Award and Junior section achieving first place in two competitions this year. We believe all the boys enjoy the Boys Brigade and

this is reflective in the numbers attending. We now look forward to our Company Display to show our Congregation how **“Sure and Steadfast”** our boys really are.

Girls Brigade, met on a Monday night from 6.30pm to 8pm from September to March covering all four sections. Unfortunately our numbers have dropped this year. However we hope that they will increase next year. We started off with approximately 60 but this has dropped throughout the year. As GB continued we were able to cover all elements of our badgework, scripture, crafts, baking, quizzes, circuits and games. We were also able to partake in District events GB Carol Service, District games then finishing off with our District parade. We will finish this session with our annual display and prize giving. Our prayer for the next session will be the safety of all our members over the summer period and that we will welcome new members in the new session whilst we continue to uphold our motto to **Seek, Serve and Follow Christ**.

Bowls usually meet on a Wednesday night from 7pm to 10pm from September to April. All participants enjoyed the experience of participating in the indoor bowls.

Youth club meet on a Friday night from 7.30pm to 10pm with an average attendance of 18. Fun and games is enjoyed by all and there is an opportunity each night for leaders to share an epilogue with the young people present.

Sunday School, meet every Sunday morning from 10.15am to 11.15am from September to June. They are split into 3 sections based on age. The primary Sunday school has an average attendance of 20, Junior Sunday School 25 and Senior Sunday school 22 of which six are in a Membership class from March 2023.

The PW meets on the first Monday of each month from September to April, with a range of guest speakers. There was an average attendance of 36 each night.

Craft class was held on the third Thursday of each month with an average attendance of 18 ladies who enjoyed completing their individual projects along with some refreshments.

The Curling club meets on a Wednesday morning from 10am to 12 noon with an average attendance of 5. Good fun and much needed exercise was enjoyed by all throughout the year.

The Midweek Bible Study Group, meet every Wednesday night for bible study and prayer from 7pm to 8.30pm. They have an average attendance of 30.

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.

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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 is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 360 contributors during the year (333 in previous year, 2021) donating a total of £78,760 (£80,230 in previous year, 2021)

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £240,410, compared to £232,864 in the previous year.

Total expenditure increased from £220k in 2021 to £253k in 2022. The main reason for the increase was due to an increase in the Congregational running expenses from £120k in 2021 to £145k in 2022 reflecting the increases in utility bills in year.

RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the congregations and the financial activities for that year. In preparing the financial statements the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Funds will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the funds transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the congregations and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities (1 January 2015)". 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.

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GOING CONCERN

The activities of the congregation are dependent on ongoing contributions from its members. The Trustees are of the opinion that the congregation has sufficient resources at the date of approval of these financial statements to meet commitments which will arise in the year from the date of signing this report and subject to the continuing support from members to fund on an ongoing basis the congregation's current activities and other financial commitments.

RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees have considered the level of unrestricted reserves that it is appropriate to hold taking account of current and ongoing commitments. It is the policy of the Trustees to hold at least three month's normal expenditure. At the year end unrestricted reserves were £70,068 (cash balance) which represents a higher level of reserves. The Trustees however, consider it prudent to hold reserves at this level as the funding of its present activities is dependent of the ongoing financial support of members.

RISK REVIEW

A review of major risks has been undertaken by the Trustees and systems and procedures implemented to manage identified risks. The principal risks are in relation to the likelihood of reputational damage and financial risks associated with the expectation of ongoing financial support from members. These risks are mitigated by the Trustees, and the Congregational Committee, regularly monitoring the various activities of the congregation at stated meetings and by encouraging members in their regular giving.

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 4th April 2023 and signed on its behalf by Signed on behalf by



Rev. Stephen Hibbert (Minister)

Date: 4th April 2023



Mr George Walker (Clerk of Session)

Date: 4th April 2023