

Greater Life Church, Gilford

References And Administrative Details Registered Address

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Charity Registration Number NIC106452

Trustees

Senior Pastor, Revd Joseph D. Cooney (Trustee) – Retired 18 February 2022

Revd Robert Kelley (Trustee)

Revd Terry D. McFarland (Trustee)

Revd Jonathan Strickland – Appointed 18 February 2022

Property Trustees

Same individuals as above

Bankers

Danske Bank

Independent Examiner

GMcG Chartered Accountants Century House 40 Crescent Business Park Lisburn BT28 2GN

Annual Trustee Report

The GLC-Gilford trustees present their annual report and financial statements for 2021-2022

This report provides a brief summary of activities undertaken together with a confirmation that the trustees have had regard to guidance on public benefit, in particular, guidance on charities for the advancement of religion when planning activities.

Objectives and Activities

The following are details of the objectives and activities that took place during the 2021-2022 year:

GLC-Gilford Building Upkeep

During the year we were able to keep our building cleaned weekly for our services on the inside to be held. This would also include powerwashing the building to keep spiderwebs and mould from growing on the building.

The grounds were maintained on a weekly basis and this involved weekly lawn cutting.

GLC-Gilford held in person services this year once a week

Ministry Services and Fellowship

We were unable to have consistent 'in person' services during 2021-2022. We have continued to have 'online' services via Facebook to continue reaching those who still have not returned to in person services for health reasons, those shut in, isolated, and also to reach an unchurched audience that would be interested in Christianity and need ministered to.

We provided encouragement, support, fellowship, prayer and ministry to our church members and the public with 'no cost' to join our church and fellowship gatherings.

Group & Personal Bible Studies

Bible Studies transitioned to total online Zoom ministry during the 2021-2022 year. The time together on Zoom has been a balance of studying the Word of God, prayer, much needed fellowship, caring & sharing. During these times we still worked together during this year to discussing plans and ways for each individual & family to daily operate in their home setting, work & family, mental health, daily exercise, remaining socially connected with others, keeping a right mind and attitude through what could be a secluded and isolated time. This was tremendously impactful in helping keep individuals from suffering depression and loneliness. It also provided a platform for each individual to be able to share their feelings, concerns, ideas and experiences to encourage one another. We've learned a lot 'together' about being home with family and taking advantage of this time to build stronger bonds and relationships. The Zoom calls & meetings greatly assisted in keeping the human virtual touch element, and providing a healthy positive outlook on what could otherwise have been disastrous for some.

Organisation Support


We are a part of larger ministry bodies being; the United Pentecostal Church of Great Britain & Ireland (UPC GBI - upcgbi.org) and United Pentecostal Church International (UPCI - upci.org).

The church participated in ministry and support to the following areas:

- Christmas For Christ Program (within the UK)

This is a program within our organisation (UPC GBI) to financially support one church in the UK each year in December that lends support to its community through multiple ministry efforts.

Within our organisation throughout the UK we support the following departments:

- UPC of Great Britain & Ireland - England charity # 296001 (coordination within all of the United Kingdom & Ireland)
 - Men: ministry focus for men
 - Ladies: ministry focus for women
 - Youth: ministry focus for youth ages 12-25 yrs old
 - Missions: ministry focus on reaching people groups & establishing churches
 - Children: ministry focus on children ages 4-12 yrs old
- Northern District UPC - Scotland charity # SC043758 (coordination within Scotland, Northern Ireland & the Republic of Ireland)
 - Men: ministry focus for men
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 - Harvest Bible College (full & part-time) harvestbiblecollege.co.uk 

Structure, Governance and Management

The Charity is governed by the church constitution. Individuals become members of the Church and are accepted in accordance with the Constitution which requires them to be or to have been publicly baptised on the profession of faith in the name of Jesus Christ and baptised by the Holy Spirit, with a continued demonstration of faithfulness in supporting the purpose of the church locally and internationally.

The members meeting takes place once per year to disclose and discuss a yearly report and planning session for the upcoming year's scheduled activities and events. The pastor and secretary are responsible for day-to-day operation of the church's work and the financial and legal aspects of the charity. The charitable objective is continually cultivated and conveyed to all members and guests who are constantly encouraged to become an integral part in the spiritual and practical life of the organism of the charity for the furtherance of its objective.

We ensure anyone working with children and vulnerable adults are appropriately vetted with regard to Access NI checks.



Achievements and Performance

In ministry it's not always easy to measure the success of things, because most achievements aren't tangible. Numbers constantly fluctuate with people and finance. Seeing growth in individuals and them making healthy life decisions that have positively affected their lives, their families and their sphere of influence in society is always rewarding. This has taken place this year with our members.

Locally we've had approximately 20+ in regular attendance with us during the week through bible studies, home groups, services etc.

We continually encourage the public and those with interest to join us while striving to make our facilities available to non-members with our meetings and events open to all. In setting our objectives and planning our activities and events, the trustees have given careful consideration to the Charity

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland to ensure the activities have helped to achieve the charity's purpose and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Financial Review

Greater Life Church depends and works with its membership in volunteering and serving through aspects of church life and activities. This greatly assist the church in saving finance for fellowships, services and events that take place. The financial results for the year are set out in the accompanying financial statements.

This Annual Report for 2021-2022 was approved by the Greater Life Church Trustees and signed on their behalf by Pastor, Revd Terry McFarland, Chair Trustee.

02/10/2024