

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
for the Year Ended 31 DECEMBER 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The charity's objectives are for the public benefit as set out in the Articles of Association and are restricted to the following:

- (a) The promotion and furtherance of the Christian Religion;
- (b) The relief of poverty, financial and social hardship as need may arise;
- (c) The advancement of education of persons worldwide;
- (d) Helping young people through the provision of recreational and leisure time activities;
- (d) Providing financial support to evangelists, missionaries, individuals and organisations.

Significant activities

All of the Fermanagh Christian Fellowship's activities seek to meet the needs of the attendees holistically. We as a Church aim to meet the physical, mental and spiritual needs of our attendees.

This has been an encouraging year as we reflect over how the church has developed and adapted to implement and recommence many of the programs.

Sunday morning worship (11am - 1pm) - Fermanagh Christian Fellowship meet every Sunday morning for praise, prayer, teaching, communion and fellowship over refreshments. Often attendees have opportunity for prayer when requested. Our prayer ministry team are effective in this aspect of the Church. Most of our services are also available online and are streamed on Facebook and Youtube. Refreshments and opportunity for personal interaction through conversation and prayer is part of our Sunday Morning format.

During Sunday worship the following are available :-

- Creche facility for parents to care for their children.
- Pre-School - a supervised time for the pre-schoolers to play and learn about Christianity
- Sunday school - a supervised time for various age groups to learn about Christianity.
- Rooted and Grounded (Teens Bible study)- this is facilitated once per month for teenagers to receive relevant teaching about Christianity.

Tuesday evening prayer and Bible study (8pm - 9.15pm) - This is an opportunity weekly for attendees to receive relevant structured teaching on Christianity followed by prayer for various needs and individuals .In 2022 we recommenced Home Groups where small groups meet in homes for Bibleical discussion and prayer

Ignite and Summer Praise - We arranged an outreach week with a variety of activities for youth, elderly, disabled etc culminating in a drive in praise in Stuart's carpark.

Christmas - We arranged a Christmas event comprising of Carols and a message.

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LDP (Leadership Development Program) - This has been functioning monthly on zoom as a teaching program for young men taken by Mike Williams and the Elders.

Baptisms and Baby Dedications - During the year we held 1 believer baptism and conducted 1 baby dedication.

Funerals - During the year we had no funerals from FCF.

Anchored (FCF 18-30 group) (8-10pm) - This is for young adults aged 18-30 and is held weekly in FCF. This is to encourage fellowship amongst those in the above age group and to encourage them in their faith as they launch into 3rd level education or the workplace.

Men's Shed (10am - 2pm) - A workshop based at FCF to encourage men to meet and be involved in various simple projects. This provides company and helps men with their mental and spiritual well-being.

OWLS Older wiser loving seniors. Through a group of volunteers, we visit some local nursing homes to sing and share the message of Christianity.

FCF Seniors (2.30pm - 4.3pm) - The church is open for "seniors" to meet together for afternoon tea/light lunch, to sing hymns together and listen to a message from God's word..

Rooted and Grounded (Teen Bible Study) - (8pm-9pm) - A number of teens meet monthly with volunteer leaders to discuss Bible and Christianity.

Mighty Oaks (6.30pm - 7.30pm) - This is for children aged 3-11 years and is held in FCF. The children enjoy games, singing, quizzes, stories all themed on the Christian message.

Little Acorns (Parent & Toddler group) - (10.00am - 11.30am) - This is for babies, toddlers and their parents/guardians and is held in FCF. The children enjoy structured play, singing, and a short bible story all themed on the Christian message.

Ladies events (Ladies in Fellowship Together LIFT) - The Church arranges various ladies events throughout the year eg talks, displays, breakfasts, regular walks etc.

Mens events - The Church arranges various men's events throughout the year eg men's breakfasts, curry and games nights etc.

Family events - From time to time we have Sunday Services and special fun days and events that focus on families.

Counselling - FCF direct people in need of support with mental health, marriage and other concerns to local trained counsellors.

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Other Ministries

In the ministries listed below many of our members are involved and this has proved to be a valuable link in assisting FCF widen their help.

Russian Group A local Russian Church use our facilities every week for their worship and teaching. This brings a multi-cultural dynamic to church life. They have had some Ukrainian families join with them in 2022.

Cornerstone & The Pantry is a food bank based locally helping those in need. Fermanagh Christian Fellowship seek to support this ministry with goods and finance. We also used this to assist people in the community in hardship and need, often families connected with the various ministries within the Church.

LIFE Outreach. Once a month a group of volunteers meet in the town centre from 10.30pm to late to offer tea, coffee and spiritual and practical help to those who wish to avail of this. Similar outreach events take place on various bank holidays throughout the year.

Stauros is a foundation helping people caught in addiction. Fermanagh Christian Fellowship seek to support this ministry with referrals and volunteers.

The Well is a centre for women run by Master Key Movement which seeks to support and help women holistically in various ways.

Mission (the spread of the Christian faith) - Fermanagh Christian Fellowship seek to support various missionaries and mission groups both locally and internationally. This is facilitated through finance and deputation meetings.

We have particular responsibility during 2022 to a worker from our Church who is ministering in Kenya usually three months at a time. We seek to support her financially and in debrief meetings to help her navigate through the challenges of Mission. We are indebted to the assistance of Echoes International, a mission support agency for their help in this area of ministry.

There are other activities which involve many Church volunteers eg Catering team, cleaning team, property team, music team, pastoral care team etc. We have been blessed and greatly assisted by our media and music volunteers during the year and are so thankful for them.

Staffing/consultancy

Stephen & Catherine - Stephen (Supported by his wife Catherine) works for FCF on a part time basis focusing on pastoral care of the church members and others. Home and Pastoral visitation during 2022 has increased and the decision was made that initial focus for this area of need would be on members primarily.

Public benefit

The benefits flowing from the purposes of the charity include an increase in physical, mental and spiritual welfare of individuals, families and individuals being able to receive nourishment with food, clothing and financial help; assistance in providing education and religious education advancement; development of skills to assist and help members of the public and society; caring for the sick and disabled by home visits, equipping and training young people to help them in their future life; help provide support for people of the Christian faith to fulfil their mission which will help the moral improvement of society. These can be demonstrated through verbal and written feedback and reports. There is no harm arising from any of these purposes, people see the benefit and that is why they attend. The majority of people would be from the Fermanagh and Omagh District Council area.

The Trustees seek to ensure that the Public benefit requirement is considered and Fermanagh Christian Fellowship facilitates the advancement of the Christian Religion and having due regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The Fellowship is reliant on the voluntary gifts and donations from its donors as well as Gift Aid refunds. The total income for the year ended 31 December 2022 amounted to £147,514 (2021:£124,201). The total expenditure for the year ended 31 December 2022 amounted to £129,398 (2022:£133,327). The Trustees consider that the unrestricted funds of the charity have sufficient resources and assets available which are adequate to fulfil their obligations. The charity held £38,831 in Cash Reserves at the year end (2021: £22,097).

Reserves policy

The income of the Fellowship is considered stable and the risks associated with any significant reduction in income is regarded as unlikely. The trustees are satisfied that a figure equating to approximately two months' expenditure is an appropriate level of reserve balance at the present time. The trustees are reviewing the Reserves Policy in the current year.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a Memorandum and Articles of Association and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006. The company was set up on 10th September 2014 and was registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 8 August 2017.

Risk management

The trustees have a duty to identify and review the risks to which the charity is exposed and to ensure appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

NI626600 (Northern Ireland)

Registered Charity number

106753

Registered office

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees (who are also the directors of Fermanagh Christian Fellowship for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- 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 charitable company will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 12 June 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



S J Balmer - Trustee