

# **Dungannon Independent Methodist Church Annual Trustee Report**

## **Delivered at the Annual Members Meeting**

**May 2024**

### **Introduction**

As we gather for our Annual Members Meeting, I am grateful for the opportunity to present the financial report for the year 2023. Throughout this year, the Lord has blessed our church, providing abundantly to meet all our needs. As we reflect on the financial highlights of 2023, we give thanks for His faithfulness and for the generous hearts of each member who continues to contribute to the work of our church.

### **Financial Review of 2023**

The financial health of Dungannon Independent Methodist Church in 2023 has been a blessing from the Lord and a testament to the generosity of our congregation. We are reminded of the words from Matthew 6:21 (KJV), "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." This verse has certainly been reflected in the sacrificial giving of our members and church family.

### **The Finance Team**

I would like to extend a special thank you to all those involved in the financial operations of the church:

- Mr. Bill Connelly\*\* for his support in managing finances
- Mr. Trevor Ferguson\*\*, who has diligently assisted with the salaries
- Mr. Robert Hamilton, Mr. Billy Parker, and Rev. Maxwell for their faithful work in counting and lodging the offerings each week
- Mr. David Cranston, our auditor, for his thorough examination of our accounts
- Pastor Samuel and Johanna, for their ongoing support with printing and documentation

Above all, I want to thank each one of you for your sacrificial giving. Your financial contributions enable the ongoing work of the church, and we are deeply grateful for your continued support.

## **Charity Commission NI Update**

As part of our compliance with the Charities Act 2022, which received Royal Assent on 24 February 2022, we will soon be required to publicly declare our income and expenditure for the first time. This is part of an ongoing effort to increase transparency and accountability for charities across Northern Ireland. Additionally, a public list of our Board Members will be published online, in accordance with the new legislation.

## **Missionary Giving**

This year, we have been able to continue our support for missionaries worldwide, and I am pleased to report that a total of £40,000 was given to support the work of missions in 2023. I would like to thank everyone who contributed to these efforts. Your generosity enables us to reach the lost around the globe, and this is an essential part of our mission as a church.

## **Danny and Philippa Brooks Missionary Fund**

- Income for 2023:\*\* £15,823

- Expenditure for 2023:\*\* £12,786

We continue to support Danny and Philippa in their missionary efforts, and we are thankful for the positive impact their work is having.

## **Envelope Giving and Breakdown of Contributions**

There were 107 individuals who contributed through the envelope giving system, an increase from the previous year (102). This consistent support has been a vital source of funding for the church's general operations and outreach.

Many of these contributions have been made through Gift Aid, which has allowed us to reclaim tax on donations, increasing the value of gifts at no extra cost to our donors. If you are not yet signed up for Gift Aid and pay tax, I encourage you to consider joining the scheme – please speak with me if you would like more information.

## **Additional Missionary Offerings**

There have been additional offerings laid on the hearts of our congregation for specific causes. These include:

- Mr. John Weir Ministries

- SGA / SGA Ukraine

- The Christian Institute
- Israel – International Mission to the Jewish People

These offerings represent a tangible expression of our church's commitment to global outreach and our desire to support ministries that are making a difference in the world.

### **Queries and Questions**

If you have any questions or would like further clarification on any aspect of the financial report, please do not hesitate to come and speak with me. I am happy to provide a full audit trail and walk you through the supporting documentation. It is important to me that we maintain transparency, and I am available to answer any queries you may have.

### **Closing Remarks**

In conclusion, I want to express my heartfelt thanks to each of you for entrusting me with the role of Treasurer over the past year. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve in this capacity, and I am deeply thankful for the continued support and trust from the church family. Together, may we continue to be faithful stewards of the resources God has provided.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Doonan', is written over a horizontal line.

Mr. Jonathan Doonan

Treasurer

Dungannon Independent Methodist Church