

Omagh Independent Methodist Church
Trustees' Annual Report
For The Year Ended 31 December 2023

Charity Name: Fellowship of Independent Methodist Churches: Omagh

Charity Registration Number:107143

Accounting Period: This report is in relation to the accounts for the year ended 31st December 2023.

Objectives and Activities:

The Charitable purpose of Omagh Independent Methodist Church is the advancement of religion. Our objective is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the basis of faith as stated in Chapter two of the Constitution of the Fellowship of Independent Methodist Churches.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Constitution of the Fellowship of Independent Methodist Churches is the governing document of Omagh Independent Methodist Church. The Board Members (Trustees) are elected annually by the members of Fellowship of Independent Methodist Churches – Omagh.

Charity Trustees (31/12/23)

Mr James Aiken
Mr Timothy McFarland
Mrs Sarah McFarland
Mr Alan Clements
Mr Paul Johnston
Mr Reuben McFarland
Miss Ruth Aiken
Mr James Pickens
Mr Robert David McIlrea
Mr Philip Johnston
Miss Joy Aiken
Mr Dale Johnston
Mr David Brown

Public Benefit Statement

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission Public Benefit requirement statutory guidance and consider that Omagh Independent Methodist Church meets the public benefit requirement, through the advancement of religion, by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the good news of the Lord Jesus Christ and Salvation through Him. The Trustees of OIMC have given consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's statutory guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities undertaken throughout this year have helped to achieve the purpose of the charity and provide a benefit to its beneficiaries. Our beneficiaries include our members, regular attendees and the local community.

Main activities of the Charity to further its purposes for Public Benefit

The church holds two services each Sunday. These services are open for the public to attend, during which our desire and goal is that all in attendance will receive Biblical teaching and fellowship. Prayer meetings are held on weekly, on Thursday nights, providing an opportunity for those who attend to join to pray for the spiritual and physical needs of those in our local community. There are several children and youth weekly events, open to the children and young people in our community. Sunday School is held prior to the Sunday morning service and is open to all school-age children. "Lifeliners" Children's Bible Club (primary-aged children) and "Senior Lifeliners" (Junior secondary school age) are held weekly on Thursday nights throughout the autumn, winter

and spring months. We also hold a weekly youth meeting on Friday evenings, open to young people and young adults from secondary school onwards. Each summer we organise a "Holiday Bible Club", providing Bible based activities for children each evening, running for five days. Our "Ladies Meeting" is held monthly, providing an opportunity for ladies in our fellowship and local community to come together for fellowship and teaching. The church conducts other one-off events, for example Harvest, Christmas and Easter events.

The Trustees have put policies in place to protect all attending and volunteering in church activities. All volunteers involved in work amongst minors and vulnerable people receive safeguarding training along with Access NI clearance.

Financial Position (at the end of the financial year 31st December 2023)

The Trustees have reviewed the Accounts as detailed in the following pages of this Report and consider that these show the Church to be in a financially stable position. Income totalled £134,033.23, with expenditure totalling £125,955.00. Closing balance is £91,232.73.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Trustees

James W. Aiken

25-10-24

James Aiken
Trustee