

Dunseverick Baptist Church

Registered Charity Number - 108748

For the year ended 31 December 2023

The Trustees' report

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Objectives, Activities and Charitable Purposes

The principal purpose of the Church is the advancement of the Christian Faith according to Biblical Principles contained within the teaching of Scripture. It exists to glorify God by maintaining and promoting His worship both individually and corporately, and acknowledges the absolute supremacy of The Lord Jesus Christ as Head of The Church. The membership of the Church seek to follow the teaching of Scripture and involve themselves in the governance of the assembly, the advancement of it's aims, participation in fellowship, breaking of bread, prayer and evangelism. The Church also may seek to advance education, the relief of poverty and sickness, the comfort of the bereaved and the promotion of any other charitable purposes in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world.

Dunseverick Baptist Church conducts regular services for public worship, prayer, Bible study, preaching and teaching for all age groups, and provides pastoral care to the sick and elderly of the church through visitation and prayer. We contribute financially to registered charitable organisations whose aim is the relief of poverty and sickness.

The Trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity has achieved its objectives in the year under review.

Public Benefit

In fulfilling the public benefit requirement, the charity trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's statutory public benefit guidance.

The purposes of this charity and the direct benefits that flow from the charity's activities continue to be;

As Scripture is taught, the moral code from which much of legislation derives its values from is presented. A true sense of value is given to human life from conception. The Biblical command to love our neighbour is taught, which is a core principle of Scriptural teaching. We believe in a holistic approach to well-being, encompassing the spiritual as well as mental and physical aspects of humanity.

Direct benefits flowing from the organisation's purpose;

- Eternal salvation and adoption into the family of God through the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- The spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, bringing reconciliation both between human beings and God and between human beings.
- The gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and the Doctrinal Statement of the Church leading to spiritual and moral development and personal growth in the Christian Faith.
- The provision of regular Christian education, helping people to understand, live out, defend and promote the Christian gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need, assistance and comfort to the sick, elderly and bereaved.
- The development of individual ability and gift through the engagement of willing volunteers in practical and spiritual service.
- The positive impact on society that comes from the living out of a Christian worldview.

The Trustees are satisfied that the Charity has achieved its public benefit objectives in the year under review.

The benefits to the beneficiaries arising from the purpose is demonstrated through;

The number of those attending activities and events and benefiting directly each week from the Bible teaching and the corporate worship, the leaders and helpers mobilised each week through various programmes and the

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positive contributions of members within the wider community; and, the effective pastoral care supporting both families and individuals. This is evidenced through regular evaluation and informal feedback from members and those attending events, their families and the general public within the community in which the Church operates. The Trustees do not anticipate that any harm will flow from any of the above purposes. The church's beneficiaries are Church Members and adherents, and anyone who chooses to attend the church services which are open to members of the general public, other individuals that the Church 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. The only private benefits flowing from our purposes are the provision of stipend for any pastor of the church who will also assume the role of Trustee and paid employment for the personnel required to manage the work of the Church. Such stipend, salaries and any incurred expenses are incidental and necessary to enable the Church to provide the pastoral and administrative support required to fulfil the stated Purpose.

The information below sets out the activities we have carried out to further our purposes and fulfil each of the public benefit elements during the last 12 months

Structure, Governance and Management

charity is registered with the Charity's Commission for Northern Ireland registration number 108748.

The Trustees who served during the year are as stated below:

Mr John Porter
Mr Maurice McKendry
Mr Dan McCurdy
Mr John McCurdy
Mr Christopher Borland
Mr Brian McCurdy
Pastor Billy Jones

The Trustees have the responsibility for the operational deliverance of the charity's activities and achievement of the objectives.

Achievements and Performance

Total incoming resources for the year amounted to £48,253 and after deducting total resources expended of £58,526 net outgoing resources amounted to £10,273.

All resources received and expended are treated as unrestricted funds. At the year end, unrestricted funds amounted to £178,513.

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the affairs of the charity and the incoming resources and application of the resources, including the net income or expenditure, of the charity for the year.

In preparing the accounts the Trustees confirm that they have done so on a going concern basis.

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The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and which enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland), and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees confirm they have complied with these requirements.

This report was approved by the Board of Trustees on 24/10/2024 and signed on its behalf by;



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Mr Dan McCurdy
Trustee



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Mr John Porter
Trustee



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Pastor Billy Jones
Trustee