

**EDMUND RICE BICENTENNIAL TRUST LIMITED**  
**(A Company limited by guarantee)**

**REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 DECEMBER 2020**

Company No. 4229228 (England and Wales)  
Charity No. 1098358

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**EDMUND RICE BICENTENNIAL TRUST LIMITED**  
**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**  
**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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Company Number:	4229228
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# **EDMUND RICE BICENTENNIAL TRUST LIMITED**

## **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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The Directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 and confirm that it complies with current statutory requirements, and with the requirements of the Charity's governing instrument.

### **INTRODUCTION**

Edmund Rice Bicentennial Trust Ltd ("The Charity") was incorporated on 5 June 2001 and registered as a Charity on 4 July 2003. Its purpose is to support and fund the Edmund Rice mission in the developing world. Today, the Charity supports the activities of Christian Brothers across two continents, namely Africa and Europe.

### **MISSION**

The main objects of the Charity are to advance the Christian faith, promote Christian ideals and provide for the education and training of children and other persons according to the spirit and ideals of Blessed Edmund Rice.

### **OBJECTIVES, AIMS AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **Objectives**

The Charity intends to meet the objectives described above by:

1. Providing assistance to children or other persons especially those who are poor by the provision of accommodation, training, instruction, or pastoral care in order to develop their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual capacities.
2. Providing assistance as the Charity may from time to time think fit for the provision of educational facilities.
3. Providing or assisting in the provision of education of any child or person in keeping with the precepts of Christian faith and Christian ideals.
4. Providing assistance for the training of teachers, parents, youth leaders or other persons engaged or to be engaged in provision of education, leadership, development, or instruction of children and other persons.
5. Providing where needed, assistance for the furtherance or development of education or youth leadership, religious and moral development especially of the young and disadvantaged as well as for the relevant educational research.
6. Providing for the reasonable needs and assistance of those who have served the main objects of the Charity and to provide them with the necessary resources required in the performance of their duty in keeping with the main objects of the Charity provided always that no part of the capital or income of the Charity may be distributed to any person by way of profit or dividend.
7. Advancing the Christian faith in any part of the world.
8. Assisting in the relief of poverty in any part of the world.
9. Providing assistance to other bodies involved in charitable works having main objects similar to those of the Charity.

#### **Public Benefit**

The Directors consider that the activities and achievements of the Charity illustrate that the aims of the charity are carried out for the public benefit. The Directors confirm that they have taken into account the best practice guidance on public benefit when deciding what activities, the Charity undertakes.

### **REVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR**

#### **Review of Activities**

Applications were received from the Africa Province, the Mission Capacity Support Team and Edmund Rice Development Ltd. The Trustees reviewed all applications and approved the payment of funds to the three applicants. Details of the three entities that received funding and their activities are discussed in this section.



**REVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR (continued)**

**The Christian Brothers, African Province**

The Charity provided £571,521 to the Christian Brothers African Province during 2020. A further £578,864 met the recognition criteria for a constructive obligation at 31 December 2020 was included in the grant expenditure in 2020 and will be paid in 2021.

The mission of the Christian Brothers in Africa continues to be acting as effective agents in the liberation of oppressed and marginalised people from poverty, injustice, ignorance, and the effects of sickness, especially HIV/AIDS and COVID-19. To do this we collaborate closely with the poor in the ministries of faith-based education and community development. We prioritise the care of people, the transformation of unjust structures and care for the whole of creation and endeavour to achieve these by advocacy, education and community partnership.

To achieve these aims, the African Province of the Christian Brothers seeks the financial support from external sources to supplement the internal contributions from some of the ministries in which the brothers have participated and continue to provide inspiration from their following of Edmund Rice. The Charity is a significant external source, also working under the inspiration of Edmund Rice.

Internal income and other donations support initial and ongoing formation programmes, and further formal educational courses for the Brothers. They also support the administration of the communities of the Province continent-wide and its four entities in the following countries: South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe (South Central District), Kenya, Tanzania and South Sudan (East Africa District) and Ghana, Liberia, The Gambia and Sierra Leone (West Africa District).

The Charity's funding enabled the Christian Brothers and their co-workers to live in and near their ministries thus resulting in involvement directly or indirectly with tens of thousands of beneficiaries.

By the end of 2020, the Africa Province of the Christian Brothers consisted of 118 members. There were 42 annually professed African Brothers, 53 finally professed African brothers, 14 finally professed expatriate brothers and 9 finally professed brothers who were members of other provinces. In addition to the Professed Brothers, there were thirteen first-year novices in Tamal, Ghana and 8 young men in the postulancy programs at Mazabuka, Zambia (6) and Shamsi in Tanzania (2).

In 2020, the Christian Brothers and their co-workers were involved in a variety of ministries and community engagements including the following:

- Pastoral care of all the brothers in the Province
- Encouraging and providing opportunities for the brothers to participate in life-long formation thus enabling personal development of each brother in areas of interest, skill and activism in the service of others
- Seeking, preparing and training young men who are interested in becoming Christian Brothers
- Administration and teaching and learning programmes in primary, secondary and vocational schools that provide educational opportunities for children, both girls and boys, with a significant number of the children from disadvantaged backgrounds
- Teaching in the informal education sector, running homework classes, running centres that teach skills to those who have failed in the formal education sector and by so doing assist them to increase their chance of obtaining employment.
- Working with children with disabilities to assist them in becoming confident in their abilities to participate in fulfilling relationships and roles.

**REVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR (continued)**

- Awareness-raising on significant local and global issues and the training and support of communities in the use of advocacy
- Direct involvement with local community development projects in supporting the local communities to accept their role and participation in such projects.
- Full time assistance to people stigmatised by, and suffering from, HIV/Aids, some through school involvement and support in accessing treatment, medication and presence within a supportive community. There were also outreach programmes educating people on HIV/Aids prevention.
- Being directly and actively involved in distributing ongoing practical assistance to victims and/or families, particularly those orphaned, as a direct consequence of the Ebola emergency.
- Encouraging participation in formation in Edmund Rice thinking and acting which is then extended into practices such as visits to orphanages, hospitals and prisons by young people and our co-workers.
- The Brothers Communities contributed part of their community income to purchase food which was distributed to families affected by COVID-19.
- The Brothers facilitated the distribution of food and sanitizing materials using funds donated by various donors to support those affected by the COVID pandemic.

**Edmund Rice Development**

The Charity is connected to, but does not control, an Irish charity, Edmund Rice Development (ERD) which is a development agency dedicated to the liberation of people and communities from poverty and injustice ERD's core purpose is to support the sustainability of Edmund Rice Mission by sourcing funding, building donor engagement and working with our partners in mission to improve development capacity and maximise impact. ERD is fully committed to transparency and accountability to its funders. In 2020, the charity donated £169,582 in support of ERD's core operations.

A further £168,059 met the recognition criteria for a constructive obligation at 31 December 2020 has been included in the grant expenditure in 2020 and will be paid in 2021.

Deeply aware of the levels of poverty, vulnerability and exclusion in our world, ERD responds to the lack of:

- awareness of human and environmental rights
- consistent access to basic needs
- access to quality primary and secondary education
- opportunities for livelihoods, employment and entrepreneurship
- access to quality community healthcare
- opportunities for people with disabilities
- protection and respect for 'the earth our home' (Laudato Si)

by supporting Edmund Rice Mission in the three areas of Community Development, Education and Advocacy.

During the year, total incoming resources for ERD amounted to €1,025,765. Total outgoing resources amounted to €1,084,091 during 2020. At 31 December 2020 the organisation had a deficit of €58,326 which was attributed to by a restricted deficit of €132,471. The Charity in collaboration with an Edmund Rice Mission launched the Capacity Assessment and Response Plan project which was undertaken by the Congregation Leadership Group in 2017. The objective was to assess the ability of project teams in difference provinces, identifying areas that they needed to improve and offering training and support were necessary.



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## **DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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### **REVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR (continued)**

#### **Mission Capacity Development Project**

The Charity provided £62,449 to Mission Capacity Development Project during 2020. A further £61,917 which met the recognition criteria for a constructive obligation at 31 December 2020, has been included in the grant expenditure in 2020 and will be paid in 2021.

The Mission Capacity Support team (MCST) was established to conduct a Congregation-wide Capacity Assessment for all development projects in Edmund Rice Mission (ERM). The MCST was also required to establish and implement a plan for training and capacity building at all levels of project management from field managers through to owners and governors of projects. The long-term goal of the capacity development project is to build capacity of development projects to achieve greater impact in local communities. Ultimately this Mission Capacity Development Project (MCDP) would ensure that ERM Projects are compliant in all best practice International Development principles and protocols.

During 2020, the third year of the 3-year strategic plan was executed, building on the progress in 2020. MCDP has provided documentation to demonstrate that the work scheduled under the three strategic outcomes of the project have been successfully advanced during 2020. Key achievements in 2020 include:

- Strategic Outcome 1: Increase the Effectiveness of Edmund Rice Mission Development Offices (MDO) & Development projects to achieve better results. Under this outcome area, the project increased capacity in Results Based planning and Monitoring and Evaluation through three online training courses (31 participants) and an in-country training (Zambia) benefitting 22 participants. The Governance Training programme planning began with the research phase, which included 24 interviews with 29 stakeholders. Additionally, capacity was built in the Africa Province through collaboration with the African Province Mission Development Office, with a focus on the Africa Province Strategic planning process.
- Strategic Outcome 2: Human and Financial Resources are effectively managed enabling local project implementation. Under this outcome area, the 2016 Mission Finance Manual was comprehensively reviewed, and an updated 2020 version was produced. Finance Trainings were delivered in-country (Edmund Rice International, Switzerland) and online (Africa Province) to increase the financial management capacity of local teams. Further support was given through financial mentorship to the Latin American Mission Development Office.
- Strategic Outcome 3: Improved Learning and Sharing across ERD Projects. Under this outcome area, collaboration continued through regular MCST peer-group meetings and an annual online meeting of the full MCST in August. Two MCST newsletters were produced and distributed to stakeholders in addition to a MCST discussion paper, which was submitted to the CLT.
- The grant was used to support Operational and Administrative work of the MCST through its Executive Officer and executive council.

#### **PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

The Charity intends to manage its existing assets as efficiently as possible in order to generate the income necessary to achieve the charity aims and to continue to give support to future projects. The Charity plans to continue to provide support to the Edmund Rice Mission in the Developing World. The Charity uses income from its investment portfolio to make grants and donations in support of the above projects. Although no fundraising has been conducted during the year and the prior year the Charity is aware of the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

During the year, the charity received income of £582,943, consisting of donations totalling £13,257 and investment income of £569,686. Expenditure totalled £960,588 consisting of charitable activities of £841,686 and costs associated with generating funds and supporting the charity of £118,902. Net surplus for the year totalled £353,010 after taking into account investment gains and losses. At 31 December 2020 the charity had funds of £28,231,162 (2019: £27,878,152) which, apart from restricted reserves of £135,318 were unrestricted.

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## **DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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### **REVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR (continued)**

#### **Reserves policy**

The Charity's financial reserves aim to generate a level of income to match its target for donations and cost of raising funds. In 2020 charity expenditure totalled £960,588. At 31 December 2020 the Charity had total funds of £28,231,162. Of these funds £135,318 was in restricted funds and £28,095,844 was in unrestricted funds. Of these unrestricted funds, £25,433,213 is represented by investments.

The directors of the charity regularly review the amount of funds that the charity requires to ensure they are adequate to fulfil the charity's continuing obligations.

#### **Impact of COVID-19**

During 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a pandemic. While this is a constantly changing situation, the Trustees are monitoring and following the advice from the Government and the Health Service. This would include for example the need for social distancing, meetings are taking place by conference or video calls. However, the largest financial impact to date has been to the Charity's investment portfolio. Financial markets, and stock markets in particular, have fallen significantly in the year-to-date 2021. The Charity has low fixed overhead costs and the financial impact may not necessarily affect our going concern. The Directors and the Principal Investment Managers continue to monitor the situation.

#### **Brexit**

The Directors' assessment of the impact of the Brexit on the Charity is that this will have minimal to no effect on its operations.

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Governing Document**

Edmund Rice Bicentennial Trust Ltd is a Charity limited by guarantee and not having share capital. The Company number is 4229228. The Charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association as amended by special resolution dated 7 June 2012. The Charity is a registered charity with the UK Charity Commissioner under charitable number 1098358.

#### **Recruitment and Training of Directors**

In accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Directors are appointed by the members of the Charity. The directors shall be not less than 5 and shall never be more than 12 in number.

The Directors during the year, who are also the Trustees of the Charity, are shown on page one.

The Directors are chosen on the basis of their willingness to serve, ability, governance, experience and support of the ethos, mission and philosophy of the Charity. The Directors are well informed about the Mission, governing document and history of the charity. The directors are encouraged to attend appropriate external training courses and events to facilitate the undertaking of their role.

#### **Organisational Structure**

The Directors are responsible for the policies, activities and assets of the Charity. The affairs of the Charity are managed by the Board of Directors who are accountable to the Members. The Board of Directors meet regularly to review all aspects of the Charity's activities. When necessary, they seek advice from the Charity's professional advisors.

In December 2019, the Charity appointed Mazars Financial Planning as independent financial advisers to provide advice to the board including on the performance of the investment managers. A service that was also availed in 2020.



## **EDMUND RICE BICENTENNIAL TRUST LIMITED**

### **DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)**

##### **Risk Management**

The Directors have considered the risks that are material to the Charity and have ensured that there are suitable procedures in place to mitigate these. The Directors believe that by monitoring reserve levels, by ensuring the existence of controls over key financial systems, by taking regular professional advice, they have established routinely effective systems and procedures to mitigate those risks.

The principal risks affecting the Charity and the procedures in place to mitigate these risks are: Governance and management: considers the efficiency of the board. Risks considered include a lack of planning, a Trustee body which lacked sufficient skills or appropriate decision making procedures. Such risks could include a lack of training / induction or poor stewardship of resources – human, financial and property. The directors have addressed these risks by operating both annual and longer term plans, holding regular board meetings which include the monitoring of actual performance against these plans, having meaningful induction / handover for incoming directors, attending training days, seeking third party advice as required, etc.

Financial: considers the financial capacity of the Charity and ensuring it has the available financial resources to continue to carry out its activities both now and in the years ahead. This incorporates the management of the operating (day-to-day) position, capital or building requirements and the returns earned on the Charity's investment portfolios. These risks are mitigated in a variety of ways, including budgeting, the setting of an investment strategy / investment objectives that consider diversity, prudence and liquidity criteria, regular financial and investment reporting against budget, cash-flow planning, and the appointment of Stewardship advisors where necessary.

##### **Investment policy**

The Charity's financial reserves have been placed in long term investments, the purpose of which is to provide investment income to promote the objectives of the Charity and to provide capital growth over the long term. A conservative investment strategy has been adopted. Investment income and gains will be used in future to fund donations to further the charitable objectives of the charity. These funds have an ethical investment screen: they exclude companies that contravene certain ethical criteria and in most cases favour stocks that provide positive benefits to the community.

These funds are likely to hold investments that are compatible with the Charity's ethos. In this regard, the investment portfolio is screened according to the following criteria:

- Damage to the environment
- Infringement of human rights
- Manufacture of armaments and supplies to the military
- Manufacture of anti-life products
- Irresponsible marketing of breast milk substitutes
- Stem cell research
- Cosmetics testing on animals
- Gambling
- Pornography
- Tobacco

At 31 December 2020, £25,433,213 was held in investment funds. These funds are managed by Setanta Asset Management, Unigestion SA and State Street Global Advisors. In addition, funds totalling £3,648,864 were held on investment deposit. The Directors are satisfied with the investment performance in the year.

##### **AUDITORS**

Mazars LLP were retained as the auditors for 2020.

## EDMUND RICE BICENTENNIAL TRUST LIMITED

### DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under Company law the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

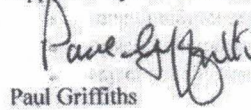
So far as each of the directors is aware at the time the report is approved:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and
- the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

#### SMALL COMPANY RULES

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provision of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Trustees on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and signed on their behalf by



Paul Griffiths  
Director



Br G Gordon  
Director



## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF EDMUND RICE BICENTENNIAL TRUST LIMITED**

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### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Edmund Rice Bicentennial Trust Limited (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2020 which comprise Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of Cashflows and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 30 December 2020 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006.

### **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

### **Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the Directors' Report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

### **Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Directors' Report which includes the Trustees' Report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.



**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE  
MEMBERS OF EDMUND RICE BICENTENNIAL TRUST LIMITED (continued)**

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**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Strategic Report or the Directors' Report included within the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate and proper accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Trustees' Report

**Responsibilities of Trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 8, the trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of the financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. Based on our understanding of the charity and its activities, we identified that the principal risks of non-compliance with laws and regulations related to the Charities Act 2011, the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice, UK tax legislation, anti-bribery, corruption and fraud, and money laundering and we considered the extent to which non-compliance might have a material effect on the financial statements. We also considered those laws and regulations that have a direct impact on the preparation of the financial statements, such as the Companies Act 2006.

We evaluated the trustees' and management's incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements (including the risk of override of controls) and determined that the principal risks were related to management bias through judgements and assumptions in significant accounting estimates, in particular in relation to use of restricted funds, and significant one-off or unusual transactions.

Our audit procedures were designed to respond to those identified risks, including non-compliance with laws and regulations (irregularities) and fraud that are material to the financial statements. Our audit procedures included but were not limited to:

- Discussing with the trustees and management their policies and procedures regarding compliance with laws and regulations;
- Communicating identified laws and regulations throughout our engagement team and remaining alert to any indications of non-compliance throughout our audit; and
- Considering the risk of acts by the charity which were contrary to applicable laws and regulations, including fraud.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE  
MEMBERS OF EDMUND RICE BICENTENNIAL TRUST LIMITED (continued)**

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Our audit procedures in relation to fraud included but were not limited to:

- Making enquiries of the trustees and management on whether they had knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
- Gaining an understanding of the internal controls established to mitigate risks related to fraud;
- Discussing amongst the engagement team the risks of fraud; and
- Addressing the risks of fraud through management override of controls by performing journal entry testing.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of irregularities including fraud rests with management. As with any audit, there remained a risk of non-detection of irregularities, as these may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal controls.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Use of the audit report**

This report is made solely to the charity's members as a body in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Signed:



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Date: 15 September 2021

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE  
MEMBERS OF EDMUND RICE BICENTENNIAL TRUST LIMITED (continued)**

**EDMUND RICE BICENTENNIAL TRUST LIMITED**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes	Restricted 2020 £	Unrestricted 2020 £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
<b>Income and endowments from:</b>					
Donations		10,275	2,982	13,257	14,055
Investments		-	569,686	569,686	564,442
<b>Total</b>		<u>10,275</u>	<u>572,668</u>	<u>582,943</u>	<u>578,497</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Raising funds	3	-	118,902	118,902	147,295
Charitable activities	3	13,820	827,866	841,686	2,034,840
<b>Total:</b>		<u>13,820</u>	<u>946,768</u>	<u>960,588</u>	<u>2,182,135</u>
<b>Net expenditure before gains on investments</b>		(3,545)	(374,100)	(377,645)	(1,603,638)
Net gains on investments	5	<u>-</u>	<u>730,655</u>	<u>730,655</u>	<u>1,480,898</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>		(3,545)	356,555	353,010	(122,740)
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		49,535	(49,535)	-	-
<b>Net movements in funds</b>		<u>45,990</u>	<u>307,020</u>	<u>353,010</u>	<u>(122,740)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Balance brought forward		<u>89,328</u>	<u>27,788,824</u>	<u>27,878,152</u>	<u>28,000,892</u>
<b>Balance carried forward</b>		<u>£135,318</u>	<u>£28,095,844</u>	<u>£28,231,162</u>	<u>£27,878,152</u>

All activities are continuing. There are no recognised gains or losses other than as disclosed above.

The Statement of Financial Activities incorporates an income and expenditure account.

The notes on pages 15 to 20 form part of these financial statements.



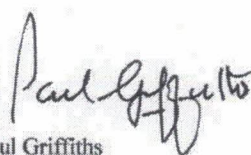
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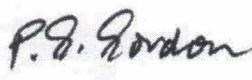
**BALANCE SHEET**

**AT 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	Notes		2020		2019
		£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Investments	6		25,443,213		25,993,056
Investment deposits			3,648,864		2,733,894
			<u>29,082,077</u>		<u>28,726,950</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	7	-		1,887	
Cash at bank and in hand		13,545		10,291	
		<u>13,545</u>		<u>12,178</u>	
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>					
Accruals	8	(864,460)		(860,976)	
		<u>(864,460)</u>		<u>(860,976)</u>	
<b>NET CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			(850,915)		(848,798)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			<u>28,231,162</u>		<u>27,878,152</u>
<b>Represented by:</b>					
Restricted Funds	9		135,318		89,328
Unrestricted Funds	10		28,095,844		27,788,824
			<u>£28,231,162</u>		<u>£27,878,152</u>

The financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with the special provision of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to small companies, were approved by the Board of Trustees on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and signed on their behalf by:

  
Paul Griffiths  
Director

  
Br G Gordon  
Director

**EDMUND RICE BICENTENNIAL TRUST LIMITED**

**STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

	<b>2020</b>		<b>2019</b>	
<b>Cash Flows from operating activities:</b>				
	£	£	£	£
Net movement in funds	353,010		(122,740)	
Investment income	(569,686)		(564,442)	
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	1,887		(1,887)	
Increase in creditors	3,484		691,796	
Gain on investments	(730,655)		(1,480,898)	
		(941,960)		(1,478,172)
<b>Cash Flows from investing activities</b>				
Dividends and interest from investments		569,686		564,442
Purchase of investments		(287,816)		(468,317)
Proceeds of sale of investments		1,578,314		524,619
<b>Net cash provided by investing activities</b>		1,860,184		620,745
<b>Changes in cash and cash equivalents in the year</b>		918,224		(857,427)
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January 2020		2,744,185		3,601,612
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2020</b>		<u>£3,662,409</u>		<u>£2,744,185</u>

<b>ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</b>	<b>At 1 January 2020</b>	<b>Cashflow</b>	<b>Exchange Movements</b>	<b>At 31 December 2020</b>
	£	£	£	£
Investment deposits	2,733,894	960,877	(45,907)	3,648,864
Cash at Bank	10,291	3,254	-	13,545
	<u>£2,744,185</u>	<u>£964,131</u>	<u>£(45,907)</u>	<u>£3,662,409</u>

**1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**(a) Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011 and Companies Act 2006.

Edmund Rice Bicentennial Trust Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

**(b) Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis**

Having considered future budgets and cash flows, the trustees confirm that they have no material uncertainties about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future. With respect to the next reporting period, the most significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity are the level of investment return and the performance of investment markets. In making this assessment the Trustees have considered the level of reserves held and the low level of non-discretionary expenditure.

**(c) Income recognition**

This comprises donations and investment income. All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when the Charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Investment income is credited to income when it is receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

**(d) Expenditure recognition**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred, inclusive of VAT, which cannot be recovered.

Charitable activities comprise mainly of donations given and support costs.

Support costs have been allocated to charitable activities. Governance activities comprise organisational administration and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements. Costs include direct costs of external audit, legal fees and other professional advice.

**(e) Foreign Currency**

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the end of the financial year. Transactions in foreign currencies are converted into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling on the date of the transactions. All profits and losses on exchange are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities.



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**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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**(f) Significant judgments and sources estimation uncertainty**

In the view of the trustees in applying the accounting policies adopted, no judgements were required that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements nor do any estimates or assumptions made carry a significant risk of material adjustment in the next financial year.

**(g) Investments**

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument. They are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently valued at their fair value at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

**(h) Investment gains and losses**

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the year end and the opening market value (or purchased date if later).

**(i) Funds**

The General funds of the Charity (both assets and revenue) comprise unrestricted income which the Trustee is free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or specific projects undertaken by the charity.

**(j) Creditors and provisions**

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the Charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

**(k) Financial instruments**

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

**(l) Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand includes bank accounts, cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.



**EDMUND RICE BICENTENNIAL TRUST LIMITED****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)****YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020****2. INCOME**

During the year, the charity received donations from various provinces of the Congregation of Christian Brothers Province and other sources of £13,257 (2019: £14,055). Investment income comprises income from investments of £569,686 (2019: £564,442), split between dividend income of £552,765 (2019: £498,672) and interest of £16,922 (2019: £65,770).

**3. EXPENDITURE**

	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Raising funds</b>		
Investment advisory fees	82,299	98,044
Advisory services	10,000	10,069
Investment Managers Fees	26,603	39,182
	<u>£118,902</u>	<u>£147,295</u>
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Donations	817,372	2,017,785
Support costs	247	3,597
Governance costs – auditor’s remuneration for audit services	9,570	6,108
Governance costs – auditor’s remuneration for other services	14,497	7,350
	<u>841,686</u>	<u>2,034,840</u>
	<u>£960,558</u>	<u>£2,182,135</u>

Details of donations made are disclosed in the Trustees Report.

**4. STAFF COSTS**

During the year, no staff were employed by the charity (2019: Nil). The charity’s key management personnel are its trustees who received no remuneration during the year. Trustees travel expenses for the year 2020 were nil (2019: £3,412).

**5. NET (LOSSES) /GAINS ON INVESTMENTS**

	2020 £	2019 £
Realised & unrealised (losses)/gains	(564,411)	1,797,282
Exchange gains/(losses) on investments	<u>1,295,066</u>	<u>(316,384)</u>
	<u>£ 730,655</u>	<u>£ 1,480,898</u>

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**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

**6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Market Value</b>		
Market value at 1 January	25,993,056	24,568,460
Additions during the year	287,816	468,317
Disposal	<u>(1,618,552)</u>	<u>(524,619)</u>
	24,662,320	24,512,158
Realised & unrealised gains	<u>770,893</u>	<u>1,480,898</u>
Market value at 31 December	<u>£25,433,213</u>	<u>£25,993,056</u>

	<b>£</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds %</b>
The investments consist of the following listed investments:		
Funds held by Nominee, L&P Alternatives Ltd	12,991,297	51.08%
Setanta Ethical Global Equity Fund	6,411,929	25.21%
Unigestion SRI Global Equity Fund	<u>6,029,987</u>	<u>23.71%</u>
	<u>£25,433,213</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

**7. DEBTORS**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Prepayments and accrued income	-	£1,887

**8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accruals	<u>£864,460</u>	<u>£860,976</u>

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

### 9. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	As at 1 January 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2020 £
Latin American projects	8,552	285	(4,922)	49,535	53,450
African projects	28,960	9,990	(8,898)	-	30,052
Capital expenditure fund	51,816	-	-	-	51,816
	<u>£89,328</u>	<u>£10,275</u>	<u>(13,820)</u>	<u>49,535</u>	<u>£135,318</u>

The Latin American projects, Oceania Projects and African projects restricted funds represent donations for a variety of specific projects in the above geographic regions.

Capital expenditure fund is an amount set aside for donations requests of a capital nature; no such request was received during the current year.

### 10. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	2020 £
Balance brought forward	27,788,824
Net expenditure before investment gains	(374,100)
Transfer to restricted funds	(49,535)
Unrealised loss on investment assets	(564,411)
Unrealised gain on foreign currency investments	1,295,066
	<u>£28,095,844</u>

### 11. NET ASSETS BY FUND

2020	Investments £	Net current Assets/ (liabilities) £	Total £
Restricted Funds	-	135,318	135,318
Unrestricted Funds	29,082,077	(986,233)	28,095,844
	<u>£29,082,077</u>	<u>(£850,915)</u>	<u>£28,231,162</u>

2019	Investments £	Net current Assets/ (liabilities) £	Total £
Restricted Funds	-	89,328	89,328
Unrestricted Funds	28,726,950	(938,126)	27,788,824
	<u>£28,726,950</u>	<u>(£848,798)</u>	<u>£27,878,152</u>

### 12. LIMITED LIABILITY

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Every member of the company, of whom there are currently five, guarantees to contribute a maximum of £1 on winding up.

### 13. TAXATION

The company is a registered charity and is not subject to corporation tax or income tax on its charitable activities.

**EDMUND RICE BICENTENNIAL TRUST LIMITED****NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)****YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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**14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

There have been no related party transactions in either the current year or prior year. The nature of the charity, some of whose directors are Christian Brothers, is that it is funded by various Christian Brothers provinces and donations are made to various Christian Brothers initiatives in other parts of the world.

**15. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

	<b>Total 2020 £</b>	<b>Total 2019 £</b>
Financial assets measured by fair value	<u>£29,082,077</u>	<u>£28,726,950</u>

**16. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the year-end. However, the holding in the global equity fund managed by Unigestion have since been sold, and a new holding in the MSCI SRI Global Equity ETF has been established.