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The Melanesian Mission

(A company limited by guarantee)

Annual Report and Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 March 2024



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Reference and Administrative Details

Trustees:	Mr C Butler (appointed 16 September 2023) Canon J Brooke Revd M B Cox (resigned 16 September 2023) Revd C Duce Ven Dr M R Gilbertson - Vice Chair Mrs D Jordan (resigned 12 October 2023) Revd K Pwaisiho Rt Revd M J Rylands - Chair Mr S Scoffield Revd J J Wise
Secretary	Katie Drew
Charity Registration Number	1104551
Company Registration Number	05101167
Registered Office	The charity is incorporated in England and Wales. 5 Trumps Orchard Cullompton EX15 1TW
Independent Examiner	Westcotts (SW) LLP 47 Boutport Street Barnstaple Devon EX31 1SQ

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Trustees' Report

The trustees, who are directors for the purposes of company law, present the annual report together with the financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Recruitment & Appointment of Trustees

As permitted in the Constitution, two of the Trustee Directors, Revd J Wise and Ven Dr M R Gilbertson (who replaced Mrs D Jordan), are appointed as Trustees by the Archbishop of Melanesia. The Revd Richard Carter, as Commissary to the Archbishop of Melanesia, normally attends Trustee meetings, in a non-voting capacity.

Purposes and Aims

The constitutional objective of the Mission is:

'To advance the Christian religion by furthering the charitable activities of the Anglican Church of the Province of Melanesia in the Province of Melanesia and the United Kingdom'.

Mission Statement

MMUK is a Christian mission agency working in partnership with the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACoM) through prayer, companionship and giving. The strategic objectives are therefore:

1. **Partnership**
MMUK seeks to develop living partnerships between ACoM and religious communities in Melanesia and churches in the UK, for example through two-way visits, mission and theological training.
2. **Financial Support**
MMUK seeks to provide financial support for ACoM and its chosen projects.
3. **Advocacy**
MMUK seeks to work in solidarity with ACoM and to speak out on issues that affect Melanesia and its people.
4. **Education**
MMUK seeks to facilitate connections between schools and colleges in the UK and Melanesia and to support ACoM in its educational work.
5. **Prayer**
MMUK seeks to resource and encourage prayer with and for the church in Melanesia and for the communities it serves. MMUK also seeks to learn from and be refreshed by the riches of the spiritual life in the church in Melanesia.

In all of this, MMUK seeks to grow creative and constructive friendships in Christ.

Public benefit

The Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Having considered the activities which the Mission undertakes which are detailed in our achievements and performance, and our planning for the future, the Trustees are of the opinion that the Mission exists and conforms to the requirements for the public benefit.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

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Achievements and performance

Trustees met regularly throughout the year, online in June and in person after the Annual General Meeting in September, in London in November and for two days in January at Foxhill, Cheshire for the residential. At the residential most of the programme was devoted to sessions seeking to develop a more strategic way of ordering our work as a charity, facilitated by Charles Hobson, a consultant who has worked with a wide range of Christian organizations helping them in managing strategic change. The trustees identified important areas of work including: visits in both directions to build relationships; maintaining the real value of the annual grant to ACoM; increasing publicity and awareness of MMUK's work; developing educational resources relating to climate change; fostering partnerships between schools; and encouraging prayer for, and learning from, the Melanesian Church. Work to co-ordinate and progress these strategic areas is being taken forward by the trustees.

The Annual General Meeting and Festival Day took place at Chester Cathedral on Saturday 16th September with over 30 people attending, including representatives from Society of St Francis, the Community of the Sisters of the Church and the Sisters of the Jesus Way. At the meeting, the Accounts for 2022/2023, the appointment of an Independent Examiner for 2023/2024 and the Minutes of the last AGM, were received and approved by members. Revd Martin Cox stepped down as Trustee, after serving for 14 years. For the election of Trustees, members agreed to the following, as recommended by Trustees - the re-election of Ven Dr Mike Gilbertson, as Trustee and Vice Chair for three years, and Canon Jane Brooke as Trustee for one year. Mr Colin Butler was also elected as Trustee for three years, with special responsibility for Education and School Partnerships. The remaining Trustee vacancy remained unfilled, as the charity continued to search for a person with Fundraising skills.

At the Eucharist two new Associates were admitted to the Community of the Sisters of Melanesia. At the Festival, presentations were given by Society of St Francis on their environment advocacy work with the UN, and by the charity on its Care for Creation work. There was also recognition for the 35th anniversary of the Diocese of Chester's link with the Province of Melanesia.

In October MMUK Trustee Mrs Daphne Jordan, one of the Archbishop's appointed Trustees, resigned. The Archbishop of Melanesia appointed Ven Dr Mike Gilbertson to become his second appointed Trustee.

Throughout the financial year the charity continued to support the mission of ACoM with a grant of £39,000. Additionally, the accounts reflect assistance provided for ACoM-requested projects and missions in the region. Listed here some of the support provided.

- One of the earliest cyclones of the season Tropical Cyclone Lola, hit Temotu and Vanuatu at the end of October 2023, and in response MMUK sent £2,305 in emergency funds.
- The Community of the Sisters of Melanesia (CSM) consecrated their new chapel at Veranasso at Pentecost in May 2023. Although the building was completed, some work remained to be done, including a retaining wall and fixtures and fittings, and MMUK continued to fundraise for this project in this financial year sending £1,510. In total MMUK has collected from CSM Associates, other UK donors and parishes £12,523 in the past three years for this project.
- MMUK continued to collect funds to provide lunches for the Community of the Sisters of Melanesia, sending this year £2,850
- St Patricks College in Verana'aso received a donation of £1,856.

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- MMUK continued to support the Environment Observatories project review and expansion in Solomons, with a salary contribution of £1,000 for the project manager and sending sets of equipment. In September 2023, six pilgrims walked sixty miles in six days raising awareness of the climate crisis and its impacts in Melanesia with over 100 people encountered at churches, a reception at Wells Palace for church wardens, and along the walking route. £2,736 was raised for the Environment Observatories.
- A third shipment of sewing machines and materials was collected and sent to Melanesia for the Mothers' Union sewing workshops
- To assist with the completion of the Retreat House at the Community of the Sisters of the Church' HQ, TNK, £6,930 was sent in November 2023.

Supporters and donors have been regularly briefed on the charity's missions and with news and prayer requests from Melanesia. The new website was launched in February 2024 and regularly updated with blogs, events and prayer requests. The final magazine went out in autumn 2023 and email newsletters distributed in May, July, September, November 2023 and in 2024 in January. Over the last year the Executive Officer and the Care for Creation Officer have run online supporter events and training, and given talks in person and online, to parishes, MU meetings, universities and schools in Chester, Ely, Exeter, London Dioceses, reaching over 1,000 individuals. MMUK has also contributed to other online events with the Associates to the Melanesian Sisters.

The charity posted recorded reflections for Advent 2023 from the Community of the Sisters of the Church and for Lent 2024 from the Society of St Francis.

The charity continued to network with other mission agencies working in Melanesia and attended the ORAC (Oceania Regional Anglican Alliance Committee) conferences and presented at FONO (Pacific Anglican Primates) in Solomons in May 2023 and in Cairns, Australia in February 2024. After attending these conferences, the Executive Officer met with ACoM clergy, staff, schools, the religious orders and the Mothers' Union in Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. The Care for Creation Officer also attended and presented at the ORAC meeting in Solomons, reviewed the Environment Observatory sites, gave school talks and ran training programmes for ACoM staff and the religious orders. The Archbishop's appointed Trustee, Revd Jacky Wise attended ACoM's General Synod and ran clergy training sessions in Solomons, in November 2023.

The first placement in Solomons arranged by MMUK since COVID, took place in May 2023, and during the year the charity worked with six others preparing to make trips to the region in the next financial year.

Following the appointment of a new Trustee responsible for school partnerships and education, the charity conducted a review of existing partnerships. As part of this effort, the charity created a termly school newsletter to support existing partnerships and foster fresh initiatives. The renewed emphasis on connections between Chester schools and Melanesian schools indicates the possibility of closer ties and potential teacher exchanges in the upcoming financial year.

Financial review

The trustees report:

- a deficit of £12,837 (2023 a deficit of £919) on Unrestricted funds before revaluations of investments.
- a deficit of £775 (2023 surplus of £3,209) on restricted funds. The deficit is due to restricted funds received in previous years being spent in this financial year.

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Principal funding sources

Voluntary income

During the year, the charity received £44,006 in voluntary donations (2023 - £57,854).

Investment income

The accounts show an increase in investment income this year at £113,931 (2023 - £113,239). The Trustees are pleased that investments continue to provide a consistent level of income for the charity.

Reserves Policy and Going Concern

The Trustees hold restricted reserves of £10,037 and endowment reserves of £44,512

The following designated reserves are held at the year-end:

- Lambeth the Trustees are building up a designated fund towards the costs of supporting ACoM attendance at the next Lambeth Conference. At 31st March 2024, this fund held £5,083.
- Investment Reserve
Unrestricted Investments are held to provide income to fund the activities of the charity. Investment income forms our principal source of funding. The Trustees have designated a reserve equal to the valuation of its unrestricted investments which cannot be used to fund expenditure without being sold of £3,287,960.

The remaining reserves of £52,306 are held in the Unrestricted Income Fund.

The Trustees have reviewed the circumstances of the Charity and consider that adequate resources continue to be available to fund its activities for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are of the view that the charity is a going concern.

Investment policy and objectives

The Trustees adopted a revised investment policy at their meeting on 30 November 2015 which is reviewed annually.

The aim is to balance the need of current and future beneficiaries. The capital remains invested to provide for future beneficiaries and the income is spent on current charitable activity.

- The Charity's investment funds are invested to produce the best financial return within an acceptable level of risk.
- The investment objective is to balance income and capital returns. The assets should be managed to at least maintain the real capital value of the funds, whilst generating a sustainable level of investment income to support the current charitable activities.
- The current income target is set at £100,000 per annum (a starting yield of 5%) and as such the overall investment objective is a return of inflation plus 5% pa, which will maintain the real valuation of the assets, whilst funding annual increase in expenditure in the region of 5% per annum.

Management of Risk

The Trustees are of the opinion that the charity's objectives and operation are inherently of low risk and this is minimised by its procedures in all areas.

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The Trustees have identified that the main risks to the charity are:

- The current cost of living crisis which may reduce our voluntary income.
- Static investment income which is not keeping with our expenditure
- Loss of Executive Officer

The Trustees manage the risk to cashflows by preparing and reviewing budgets on a regular basis and ensuring sufficient cash deposits are held to meet current spending commitments.

Plans for future periods

- Develop the strategic objectives of the charity into an achievable work packages for staff and Trustees
- Review of our investment strategy with the assistance of independent financial advisors.
- Ensure a smooth handover from the Care for Creation Officer to the Environment Observatory Project Manager, when the current contract finishes
- Develop ideas for a future PhD researcher at Southampton University to investigate flooding preparedness in Melanesia
- Increase supporter numbers in the UK, including volunteers to assist with areas of work, including fundraising, social media, giving talks and raising awareness for the charity
- Continue to update and resource the website, to include a prayer board, school resources and advice for placements
- Review the communications strategy, in moving away from printed materials to a solely online presence
- Recruit Trustees to fill vacancies and skills shortage, including a fundraising Trustee
- Support and develop school partnerships, encourage teacher exchanges
- Develop meaningful placements in Melanesia for UK clergy and lay people for the mutual benefit of the visitor and the hosting church, school or religious order
- Fundraise for a Mothers' Union project in Melanesia
- Organise a pilgrimage to pray for and raise funds for the Ministry to Women mission in Melanesia
- Deposit the charity's archive at suitable, accessible locations

Statement of trustees' responsibilities

The trustees (who are also the directors of The Melanesian Mission for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice), including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". The report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law the trustees 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;

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- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards, comprising FRS 102 have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue in business.

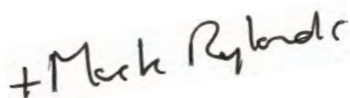
The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that can disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding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

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Small companies provision statement

This report has been prepared in accordance with the small companies regime under the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 21 September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Rylands". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Rt Revd M J Rylands
Chair of Trustees

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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees of The Melanesian Mission ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').


Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of The Melanesian Mission as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities [applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)].

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


Catherine Williams FCA DChA
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Date: 30 September 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 March 2024 (Including Income and Expenditure Account and Statement of Total Recognised Gains and Losses)

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	3	24,885	19,121	-	44,006	57,854
Investment income	4	112,300	-	1,631	113,931	113,239
Total income		137,185	19,121	1,631	157,937	171,093
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	5	(150,022)	(19,896)	-	(169,918)	(173,590)
Total expenditure		(150,022)	(19,896)	-	(169,918)	(173,590)
Net incoming/(outgoing) resources before gains (losses) on Investment asset		(12,837)	(775)	1,631	(11,981)	(2,497)
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	8	(107,596)	-	(1,536)	(109,132)	(208,133)
Net (expenditure)/income		(120,433)	(775)	95	(121,113)	(210,630)
Transfers between funds		(4,792)	4,792	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(125,225)	4,017	95	(121,113)	(210,630)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		3,471,574	6,020	44,417	3,522,011	3,732,641
Total funds carried forward	16	3,346,349	10,037	44,512	3,400,898	3,522,011

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 16.

The notes on pages 11 to 24 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	12	3,329,797	3,438,929
Current assets			
Debtors	13	7,437	7,815
Cash at bank and in hand	14	67,045	79,088
		<u>74,482</u>	<u>86,903</u>
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(3,381)</u>	<u>(3,821)</u>
Net current assets		<u>71,101</u>	<u>83,082</u>
Net assets		<u>3,400,898</u>	<u>3,522,011</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Endowment funds		44,512	44,417
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		10,037	6,020
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>3,346,349</u>	<u>3,471,574</u>
Total funds	16	<u>3,400,898</u>	<u>3,522,011</u>

For the financial year ending 31 March 2024 the charity was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Directors' responsibilities:

- The members have not required the charity to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476; and
- The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to companies subject to the small companies regime within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements on pages 9 to 24 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 21 September 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



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Rt Revd M J Rylands
Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 11 to 24 form an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

1 Charity status

The charity is limited by guarantee, incorporated in England and Wales, and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charity in the event of liquidation.

The address of its registered office is:

5 Trumps Orchard
Cullompton
EX15 1TW

These financial statements were authorised for issue by the trustees on 21 September 2024.

2 Accounting policies

Summary of significant accounting policies and key accounting estimates

The principal accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all the years presented, unless otherwise stated.

Statement of compliance

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 in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)) (issued in October 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006.

Basis of preparation

The Melanesian Mission 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 notes. The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern nor any significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Income and endowments

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 the income receivable can be measured reliably.

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Donations and legacies

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 by the charity before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that these conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Legacy gifts are recognised on a case by case basis following the grant of probate when the administrator/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date. In the event that the gift is in the form of an asset other than cash or a financial asset traded on a recognised stock exchange, recognition is subject to the value of the gift being reliably measurable with a degree of reasonable accuracy and the title to the asset having been transferred to the charity.

Investment income

Investment income is included when receivable.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources, with central staff costs allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use. Other support costs are allocated based on the spread of staff costs.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Grant provisions

Provisions for grants are made when the intention to make a grant has been communicated to the recipient but there is uncertainty about either the timing of the grant or the amount of grant payable.

Support costs

Support costs include central functions and have been allocated to activity cost categories on a basis consistent with the use of resources, for example, allocating property costs by floor areas, or per capita, staff costs by the time spent and other costs by their usage.

Taxation

The charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

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Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Fund structure

Unrestricted income funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees discretion in furtherance of the objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for a particular future project or commitment.

Restricted income funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose.

Expendable endowment funds are invested to produce income which is restricted to the purposes declared by the donor.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities and equity instruments are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the charity after deducting all of its liabilities.

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Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs), unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction. If an arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, the financial asset or financial liability is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Investments

Investments in non-convertible preference shares and non-puttable ordinary or preference shares (where shares are publicly traded or their fair value is reliably measurable) are measured at fair value through profit or loss. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, investments are measured at cost less impairment.

Investments in subsidiaries and associates are measured at cost less impairment. For investments in subsidiaries acquired for consideration including the issue of shares qualifying for merger relief, cost is measured by reference to the nominal value of the shares issued plus fair value of other consideration. Any premium is ignored.

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3 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Donations and legacies;			
Appeals and donations	15,732	17,936	33,668
Legacies	7,500	-	7,500
Gift Aid	1,653	1,185	2,838
	<u>24,885</u>	<u>19,121</u>	<u>44,006</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Donations and legacies;			
Appeals and donations	22,309	31,709	54,018
Gift Aid	1,544	2,292	3,836
	<u>23,853</u>	<u>34,001</u>	<u>57,854</u>

4 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Endowment funds Expendable £	Total 2024 £
Bank interest receivable	1,831	-	1,831
Other income from fixed asset investments	110,469	1,631	112,100
	<u>112,300</u>	<u>1,631</u>	<u>113,931</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Endowment funds Expendable £	Total 2023 £
Bank interest receivable	1,050	-	1,050
Other income from fixed asset investments	110,558	1,631	112,189
	<u>111,608</u>	<u>1,631</u>	<u>113,239</u>

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5 Expenditure on charitable activities

		Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2024 £
Activities undertaken directly		26,157	4,757	30,914
Grant funding of activities		47,521	15,139	62,660
Allocated support costs	6	76,344	-	76,344
		<u>150,022</u>	<u>19,896</u>	<u>169,918</u>

		Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total 2023 £
Activities undertaken directly		6,026	6,211	12,237
Grant funding of activities		69,527	30,992	100,519
Allocated support costs	6	60,827	7	60,834
		<u>136,380</u>	<u>37,210</u>	<u>173,590</u>

6 Analysis of support costs

Support costs allocated to charitable activities

	Total 2024 £	Total 2023 £
Staff costs	57,485	46,073
Office expenses	6,937	6,530
Travel and subsistence	3,475	2,951
Independent Examiners fees	2,518	2,450
Trustee expenses	2,667	1,444
Governance expenses	502	463
Insurance	980	923
MMUK Pilgrimage Expenditure	1,780	-
	<u>76,344</u>	<u>60,834</u>

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7 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

	Grants to institutions	
	2024	2023
	£	£
Grants to institutions		
Grants to institutions	<u>62,660</u>	<u>100,519</u>

The Trustees make an annual grant of £39,000 to the Anglican Church of Melanesia (ACoM). Applications for further grants are considered by the Trustees as appropriate.

8 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net outgoing resources for the year include:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gains/(losses) on listed investments	<u>109,132</u>	<u>208,133</u>

9 Trustees remuneration and expenses

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

During the year, 8 Trustees were reimbursed travel expenses totalling £2,667 (2023: 4 Trustees: £463).

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10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	55,986	42,818
Social security costs	216	-
Pension costs	3,561	3,255
	<u>59,763</u>	<u>46,073</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2024 No	2023 No
Charitable activities	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year.

11 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

12 Investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or Valuation	
At 1 April 2023	3,438,929
Revaluation	<u>(109,132)</u>
At 31 March 2024	<u>3,329,797</u>
Net book value	
At 31 March 2024	<u>3,329,797</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>3,438,929</u>

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

The historical cost of the investments is £1,781,678 (2023: £1,781,678)

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13 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	<u>7,437</u>	<u>7,815</u>

14 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash at bank	<u>67,045</u>	<u>79,088</u>

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	881	634
Accruals	<u>2,500</u>	<u>3,187</u>
	<u>3,381</u>	<u>3,821</u>

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16 Funds

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/ (losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds						
General funds	72,935	137,185	(150,022)	(7,792)	-	52,306
Investment reserve	3,395,556	-	-	-	(107,596)	3,287,960
Lambeth	3,083	-	-	2,000	-	5,083
Teacher exchanges for Chester schools	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000
	<u>3,471,574</u>	<u>137,185</u>	<u>(150,022)</u>	<u>(4,792)</u>	<u>(107,596)</u>	<u>3,346,349</u>
Restricted funds						
COVID Emergency - Solomons	113	-	(113)	-	-	-
CSC Retreat House Extension	-	6,168	(6,930)	762	-	-
CSM - General	339	916	(998)	-	-	257
CSM - Lunch project	2,064	2,875	(2,850)	-	-	2,089
CSM - Chapel	498	3,313	(1,510)	-	-	2,301
Emergency Appeal - Cyclone Harold	50	-	(50)	-	-	-
Environment Observatories - Solomons	588	2,888	(4,655)	3,984	-	2,805
Environment Observatories - Vanuatu	305	-	(305)	-	-	-
Exeter Dicoese links	807	750	-	-	-	1,557
Human Rights BHC	19	-	-	-	-	19
Melanesian Brotherhood	38	50	-	-	-	88
Mothers' Union	21	70	(34)	-	-	57
Other restricted funds	155	125	(245)	-	-	35
Society of St Francis	423	-	(150)	-	-	273
St Stephens Pamua - Girls' Dorm	175	-	-	-	-	175
St Patrick's, Vanuatu	-	1,810	(1,856)	46	-	-
Dux Award	425	-	(200)	-	-	225
St Barnabas Cathedral	-	156	-	-	-	156

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	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/ (losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
	6,020	19,121	(19,896)	4,792	-	10,037
Endowment funds						
<i>Expendable</i>						
Patteson Moss Fund	4,227	104	-	-	(115)	4,216
Amy Rawson	13,396	509	-	-	(474)	13,431
Elenor Rawson	13,396	509	-	-	(474)	13,431
Cyril Rawson	13,398	509	-	-	(473)	13,434
	44,417	1,631	-	-	(1,536)	44,512
Total funds	3,522,011	157,937	(169,918)	-	(109,132)	3,400,898
	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/ (losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds						
General funds	56,937	134,991	(116,993)	(2,000)	-	72,935
Investment reserve	3,600,850	-	-	-	(205,294)	3,395,556
Lambeth	20,000	470	(19,387)	2,000	-	3,083
	3,677,787	135,461	(136,380)	-	(205,294)	3,471,574
Restricted funds						
Community of the Sisters of the Church General	-	3,500	(3,512)	12	-	-
COVID Emergency - Solomons	1,050	3,567	(4,504)	-	-	113
CSC - TNK Kindy	12	-	-	(12)	-	-
CSM - General	268	971	(900)	-	-	339
CSM - Lunch project	1,939	2,825	(2,700)	-	-	2,064
CSM - Chapel	2,782	1,593	(3,877)	-	-	498
Emergency Appeal - Cyclone Harold	50	-	-	-	-	50
Environment Observatories - Solomons	1,595	3,298	(4,305)	-	-	588
Environment Observatories - Vanuatu	305	-	-	-	-	305
Exeter Dicoese links	807	-	-	-	-	807

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	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/ (losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Human Rights BHC	19	-	-	-	-	19
Melanesian Brotherhood	38	2,812	(2,812)	-	-	38
Mothers' Union	21	-	-	-	-	21
Other restricted funds	30	125	-	-	-	155
Society of St Francis	63	625	(265)	-	-	423
St Stephens Pamua - Girls' Dorm	250	2,732	(2,807)	-	-	175
St Patrick's, Vanuatu	-	11,328	(11,328)	-	-	-
Dux Award	-	625	(200)	-	-	425
	<u>9,229</u>	<u>34,001</u>	<u>(37,210)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,020</u>
Endowment funds						
<i>Expendable</i>						
Patteson Moss Fund	4,262	104	-	-	(139)	4,227
Amy Rawson	13,787	509	-	-	(900)	13,396
Elenor Rawson	13,787	509	-	-	(900)	13,396
Cyril Rawson	13,789	509	-	-	(900)	13,398
	<u>45,625</u>	<u>1,631</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,839)</u>	<u>44,417</u>
Total funds	<u>3,732,641</u>	<u>171,093</u>	<u>(173,590)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(208,133)</u>	<u>3,522,011</u>

Unrestricted funds

Investment Reserve - Unrestricted Investments are held to provide income to fund the activities of the charity. Investment income forms the principal funding source. The Trustees have designated a reserve equal to the valuation of its investments which cannot be used to fund expenditure without being sold.

The investment reserve and the endowment funds include unrealised gains on investments.

Lambeth - The are building up a fund towards the cost of supporting Acom attendance at the next Lambeth Conference.

Teacher exchanges for Chester Schools - The Trustees have designated £1,000 towards costs of exchanges between schools Melanesian and Chester

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Restricted funds

John Coleridge Patterson University (JCPU)- Funds received for the establishment and support of the John Coleridge Patterson University within the Anglican Church of Melanesia.

CSC Retreat House Extension- Funds received towards costs of Retreat House Extension.

Melanesian Brotherhood- Monies received to assist in the funding of the Melanesian Brotherhood

CSM Lunch Project- Monies received through donations for the purpose of providing lunches for a community of approximately 30 people.

CSM General Funds- Relating to other donations received for other specific projects of the Community of the Sisters of Melanesia

CSM Chapel- Funds received for the building of a new chapel for the Community of the Sisters of Melanesia.

CSC TNK Kindy- funds received to assist the funding of the Community of the Sisters of the Church Kindy School at TNK in the Solomon Islands

Community of the Sisters of the Church General- Relating to other donations received for other specific projects of the Community of the Sisters of the Church.

Emergency Appeal - Cyclone Harold- Funds received to support cyclone relief following storms.

Society of St Francis- Relating to other donations received for other specific projects of the Society of St Francis.

Exeter Diocese links-Exeter Diocese donates £500 per year to fund the dioceses link activities with Melanesia, including events and two visits. Supporters of MMUK also donate to this fund

Human Rights BHC- Funds received from the British High Commission for the purposes of providing resources for the education of human rights in Melanesia.

Mothers' Union- Relating to other donations received for other specific projects of the Mothers' Union.

Dux Award- to provide annual prizes for students.

St Barnabas Cathedral fund- Funds received to support the work of the Cathedral.

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Endowment funds

Patteson-Moss Memorial Fund - Donated by Mrs John Patteson-Moss of Toronto, to form a trust in England in memory of her son. Any income generated from the capital is to be used to purchase books for Melanesian theological students

Amy Rawson Trust Fund - Bequest received in January 1975, the income for the benefit of the Diocese of Vanuatu (which was later split into two dioceses, Vanuatu and Banks & Torres)

Eleanor Rawson Trust Fund - Bequest received in January 1975, the income for the benefit of the Diocese of Vanuatu (which was later split into two dioceses, Vanuatu and Banks & Torres)

Revd. Cyril Rawson Trust Fund - Bequest received in January 1975, the income for the benefit of the Diocese of Vanuatu (which was later split into two dioceses, Vanuatu and Banks & Torres)

Transfers between funds

Transfers have been made to designated funds and to restricted fund where part of the expenditure has been made from general funds.

17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds Expendable £	Total funds at 31 March 2024 £
Fixed asset investments	3,285,285	-	44,512	3,329,797
Current assets	64,445	10,037	-	74,482
Current liabilities	(3,381)	-	-	(3,381)
Total net assets	3,346,349	10,037	44,512	3,400,898
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds Expendable £	Total funds at 31 March 2023 £
Fixed asset investments	3,394,512	-	44,417	3,438,929
Current assets	80,883	6,020	-	86,903
Current liabilities	(3,821)	-	-	(3,821)
Total net assets	3,471,574	6,020	44,417	3,522,011

18 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions in the year.