

Birmingham Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference
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Annual Report of the Trustees 2023-24

The trustees are Frances McClean, Diane Clarke, Father Eamon Corduff, Brother Andrew Ferris, Tony Holland, Andrew Kenny, Rachel Mackenzie, Pat O'Connor, Ray Russell and Mike Weaver.

This year 130 delegates gathered at the Royal Court Hotel in Coventry from 12th to 16th August to ponder the Conference theme based on the Book of Revelation. Delegates were called to be *Ready with Zeal* - "*for the Wedding of the Lamb has come*" (Chapter 19 Verse 7).

Bishop of Northampton David Oakley posed the question: What is zeal? Words like dedication, enthusiastic, motivated and willing came to mind. A zealot can be seen as fanatical in pursuit of ideals or uncompromising when standing against cultural standards. Quoting the Old Testament prophet Elijah "with zeal have I been jealous for the Lord God of Hosts" (1 Kings 19 v14) Bishop David urged delegates to be prepared to be used for his purposes - always remembering that zeal has to be seen through the lens of Our Blessed Lord Jesus.

Canon Michael Mitton from the Anglican Diocese of Derby spoke of how the Celtic saints, full of zeal, are an inspiration for prayer and renewal – Aidan, Patrick, Brendan of Clonfert, Bridget of Kildare, Chad, Columba, Cuthbert and Boisil, Hilda and Caedmon of Whitby.

John Hesketh drew on more than 25 years in Christian Ministry as a teacher, youth minister, school chaplain and actor to share his testimony providing an inspiring story of hardships and challenges overcome – a life journey now filled with zeal for evangelisation.

Marino Restrepo passionately shared his remarkable story. Born in the mountains of Colombia he drifted from Catholicism. Rebels kidnapped him. During captivity he went through a mystical experience with God that changed his life forever. Marino was miraculously released from captivity after a miracle of God. He then returned to his Catholic faith. He is now a full-time missionary for the Catholic Church. He is constantly on mission around the world.

Mark McClean showed his passion for the Catholic faith and evangelising by focussing on the apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary over the centuries – e.g. Guadalupe, Quito Ecuador, Lourdes, Fatima, Medjugorje and presented a detailed context of how God is preparing his people for the extraordinary times in which we are living.

Ros Powell preached daily on prophecies received.

The Conference was blessed by the presence of supporters of Mary's Meals and over £1,000 was donated by delegates. Conference youngster Michael Glover told us of his planned fund raising 10-mile Three Peaks Challenge Walk in September for Mary's Meals.

There were opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Music, Healing and Youth ministries served the Conference.

Holy Mass was offered daily by:

- Father Andrew Richardson, Pastoral Co-ordinator and Formation Tutor at St Mary's College, Oscott, Sutton Coldfield;
- Bishop David Oakley, Bishop of Northampton;
- Father Des Devanney, Parish Priest, Our Lady of the Assumption, Coventry;
- Father Eamonn Corduff, Parish Priest, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Barton - under- Needwood, Staffordshire; and
- Bishop Tim Menezes, Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham, Patron of the Conference celebrated Holy Mass to close the Conference.

Receipts for the year were £48,321. Payments for the year were £44,572. The surplus was £3,749. This was an improvement on 2023 when there was a deficit of £1,370. This improvement is due to a generous donation of £10,000 from the estate of Mr. Peter Carroll. Reserves increased to £42,595 from £38,846.

The policy to hold enough funds in reserve to cover at least 50% of forecast expenses was maintained.

Having reviewed risks, finances and commitments the trustees consider the charity to be a going concern.

The Trustees confirm that Safeguarding Procedures were in place in accordance with The Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham guidelines.

The Trustees have considered public benefit obligations and consider the Trust meets them through its residential conference, occasional retreats and the efforts of the Trust's supporters.

The Annual Report and Financial Statements were approved by the Trustees on 11th November 2024.

Mike Weaver

Signed on behalf of the Trustees on 12th November 2024

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees of Birmingham Catholic Charismatic Renewal Conference (registered Charity number 1153935)

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 October 2024, which are set out on page 4.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention

Basis of the Independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Acthave not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: *Stephen Howarth*

Stephen Howarth B.Sc. (Hons) Econ.

Relevant professional qualification: Chartered Public Finance Accountant

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Date 13th November 2024

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Statement of Financial Activities including Summary Receipts and Payments Account	31st October 2024	31st October 2023	
	£	£	£
Receipts			
Conference Fees	34,241.63	33,716.02	
Donations	12,865.40	5,062.70	
Gift Aid	436.00	434.13	
Interest	778.74	559.85	
Total	48,321.77	39,772.70	
Payments			
Conference Events	43,904.94	40,129.94	
Insurance	410.75	349.31	
Donations	-	500.00	
Bank Charges	68.19	46.71	
Support and governance	188.50	117.00	
Total	44,572.38	41,142.96	
Surplus/Deficit (-)	3,749.39	-	1,370.26
Reconciliation of funds:			
Total funds brought forward	38,846.10	40,216.36	
Total funds carried forward	42,595.49	38,846.10	
Balance Sheet as at 31st October 2024			
	£	£	
Assets			
Barclays Bank Community Account	26,841.66	23,871.01	
Charity Official Investment Fund Deposit Account	15,753.83	14,975.09	
Total Assets	42,595.49	38,846.10	
Funds of the Charity			
Unrestricted Funds	42,595.49	38,846.10	
Total Funds	42,595.49	38,846.10	
Signed on behalf of all trustees	Print Name	Date of Approval	
<i>Mike Weaver</i>	Mike Weaver	11th November 2024	