



Reaching the Indigenous Minority Language Groups of Europe

**Annual Report  
Narrative Portion  
1 January 2021 - 31 December 2021**

**Submitted by**

**Rev. John Robinson, Chairman  
Board of Trustees  
and  
General Director**

## **STATEMENT OF PUBLIC BENEFIT<sup>1</sup>:**

The Charitable Aims of Linguæ Christi (hereafter, LC) are "The advancement of Christian faith in such ways as the Charity Trustees may from time to time decide."

LC believe that the Christian Faith is inherently of public benefit, both to the individual in spiritual and emotional development and to the community at large, when the teachings of Jesus related to loving and serving one's neighbours and the world are applied in earnest, through the process of personal discipleship and corporate worship, service, and missions.

Toward the fulfilment both of our charitable aims and public benefit, LC has a distinctly missionary character, exhibited in the propagation of the Christian Gospel message to those who have not accessed or received it, the nurturing of new believers in Christ through discipleship and community, and the encouragement and strengthening of existing believers through cooperation and mutual assistance.

LC seek to manifest this missionary mandate through focus on ethnolinguistic people groups within the greater European context, namely those communities who speak one of the minority, indigenous (autochthonous) languages. This focus affects the work of LC within the UK in two ways: (1) a direct approach to evangelism among such people groups within the UK itself, which would include but not be limited to Welsh speakers, Scottish Gaelic speakers, Cornish speakers, Scots speakers, Irish Gaelic speakers, Ulster Scots speakers, and Manx Gaelic speakers; and (2) mobilise believers from the UK, particularly those from the language groups mentioned above, to participate in LC's mission efforts, coordinated from our headquarters in North Wales, among similar autochthonous language groups in other parts of Europe/Eurasia. A more thorough understanding of the vision and missiology of LC in this regard is available in our introductory paper, which is available upon request.

The details of LC's activities to these ends are included in the following information, regarding the charity's activities during this specific reporting period, namely 1 January - 31 December 2021.

## **PREFACE: EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES**

As with everyone else in both Wales and the world, the COVID-19 Pandemic brought about extensive disruption to pretty much all of our plans and activities for the vast majority of the time during this reporting year (2021). Consequently, the report will be shorter than previous reports, and the COVID-19 Pandemic will hereafter be referred to simply as "the Pandemic."

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<sup>1</sup> This introductory segment is static, remaining the same from year to year.

## ACTIVITIES DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD:

The following is a bullet-point description of some of the most important activities of LC during this reporting period. These items will be organised into three primary categories: (1) Trustee Matters; (2) Networking, Partnership, and Training; (3) Specific Projects and Direct Involvement, and (4) Future Plans and Initiatives.

### (1) Trustee Matters.

\* During this reporting period, the Trustees met a total of four times on the following dates:

- 28 January
- 18 March
- 23 August
- 1 November

All meetings were conducted via video conferencing due to the Pandemic restrictions and distance between Trustees.

### (2) Networking, Partnership, and Training.

\* We continue to develop our social media and on-line presence<sup>2</sup>.

\* Regarding the work of developing relationships and ministry partnerships with national believers from these language groups, due to the Pandemic the General Director (GD) was not able to take many site visits to various areas in Europe for ongoing discussions, related to the possibility of mobilisation and partnership on-field with various missions initiatives, even though several such projects were planned prior to the Pandemic. The following are some of the locations visited or intended to visit (though later cancelled due to the Pandemic) and the languages or language groups specifically covered in those discussions:

\* The GD was able to attend a biennial meeting of the International Conference for Minority Languages XVIII, held in the Basque Country (Bilbao), but due to the restrictions from the Pandemic, it was broadcast via ZOOM/Video conferencing. The Conference was 24-26 March 2021.

\* One of LC's USA-based partners, Go Send Me Global, unilaterally decided to withdraw from their partnership with LC.

\* Representatives of LC were planning to attend the REVIVE Conference in Germany in December 2021; however, this Conference was cancelled due to Pandemic travel restrictions.

### (3) Specific Projects and Direct Involvement.

\* During the year, LC representatives serve numerous local, Welsh-speaking Chapels with pulpit supply in scheduled and emergency situations<sup>3</sup>. These opportunities were a mix of in-person interaction and ZOOM, due to the frequently changing nature of

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<sup>2</sup> This item is the same as in the 2020 report, as this activity is long-term and ongoing.

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restrictions due to the Pandemic, which changed according to spikes in COVID cases at various times.

- \* The children's club in the Dyffryn Nantlle, which LC personnel had run previously was unable to meet regularly due to Pandemic restrictions.

- \* Unfortunately, due to the restrictions resulting from the Pandemic, we were unable to proceed with our usual projects during the summer months both in Wales and other locations across Europe.

- \* In spite of the previous point, LC was able to have two summer interns, one from the USA and one from Wales for a slightly longer period of time than the usual summer, student projects.

- \* LC was able to offer a virtual mission experience for interested students. This programme was held during the month of July 2020. There were three student participants.

- \* During this year, LC continued its special relationship with one of our missionary families serving in the Basque Country, Daniel and Martu Scott, which was established in 2020 in order to assist their ministry among Basque speakers through our partnership with Kale Argia in two primary ways: (1) processing donations for the family's missionary support through contract work, and (2) providing occasional grants for printed materials and other resources in order to assist them with the work of evangelisation and Church planting. \*See below.

#### (4) Personnel Issues and Disruptions.

- \* Two, long-term LC personnel/Associate in Wales had significant disruption in service in the area due to two factors: (1) losing homes (both renters) due to sale of property by landlords, and (2) the previous situation's coinciding with previously scheduled time (minimum 6 months) back in the USA for Social Security compliance and mobilisation opportunities. Both began this approximate six-month period away in 2021 with return to Wales scheduled for 2022.

- \* LC missionaries in the Basque Country, Daniel and Martu Scott, felt the need to return to their home in Argentina due to family and health issues.

#### (5) Future Plans and Initiatives. For 2022 and beyond, LC would like to move forward with plans and initiatives in the following broad categories<sup>4</sup>.

(A) Local Ministry<sup>5</sup>. The Associates with LC are committed to ongoing efforts and activities related to local ministries, particularly in Northwest Wales, which would include but not be confined to the areas of evangelism, encouraging local believers, discipleship, ministry, and Church planting.

(B) Recruitment<sup>6</sup>. LC remain committed to numerical growth of serving Associates in local missions service as well as contributing expertise to broader

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<sup>4</sup> This entire final section (Section 5) is the same as that for 2020, as all items are long-term projects and initiatives with ongoing engagement and development.

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organisational needs. In terms of Affinity groups, this would of course include the Celtic Languages Affinity Group, where LC currently have personnel, serving with Welsh speakers in North Wales. However, it is LC's intention to enlist and place personnel in more Linguistic Affinity Groups.

(i) Students<sup>7</sup>. One area of emphasis for short-term and medium-term projects is in utilising University students, who are Christians, in specific projects. These short-term and medium-term projects often produce longer-term personnel (see below). To this end, we are moving forward with three specific initiatives:

(1) Attending Conferences, Events, and Missions Emphases to recruit actively for new students.

(2) Doing more recruiting in new areas, particularly in the UK and Europe and more specifically with Christian students already from one of these minority linguistic communities.

(3) Diversifying project opportunities into more Linguistic Affinity Group Areas.

(C) Partnership/Networking<sup>8</sup>. LC have made some good initial contacts in expanding our presence in Linguistic Affinity Groups outside of the Celtic languages. The following are possibilities for ongoing conversation and networking toward the goal of partnership and cooperation.

(i) Ibero-Romance Languages<sup>9</sup>. LC have had some good initial conversations with believers in the Basque and Galician languages communities in Spain and to a lesser extent, Catalan speakers. LC would like to continue and augment these discussions and make more active and new connections in the Catalan-speaking community.

(ii) Uralic Languages<sup>10</sup>. Some good initial connections were made with believers involved with Uralic minority languages, particularly in Russia. LC would like to move these conversations forward to more formal partnership relationships and joint-projects.

(iii) Other Languages<sup>11</sup>. LC would like to move forward with new inroads to at least 2 or 3 other Linguistic Affinity Groups. Some initial contacts have already been made with speakers within the Italo-Romance Languages Affinity Group, which have good promise to be advanced. LC would like to make some initial contacts in other Affinity Groups.

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(D) Research and Training<sup>12</sup>. LC remain committed to careful research on these languages and communities, assimilating this information and knowledge into our missions and ministry plans and objectives. This would include taking advantage of both Christian and secular conferences and training events with a focus on these languages and communities, and innovative methods for propagation of the Christian Gospel among them.

### **SPECIAL ADDENDUM RELATED TO CORONAVIRUS 2022**

Although this report covers the period of 1 January - 31 December 2021, it is prepared and submitted in 2022 with hindsight afforded by the reality of the Coronavirus Pandemic, which endured for most of 2021 but continues into 2022 in many areas and domains, though generally and progressively through the year with less severity, seeing a significant lifting of many restrictions, particularly related to travel.

The realities of the Pandemic in 2020-2022 have, in fact, altered profoundly the proposals, plans, and initiatives which we formulated and articulated in 2021 for the following, namely this year (2022). The Report for 2022, which will be prepared and submitted in 2023, will outline in more detail the ongoing effects of the Pandemic on implementation of strategy, initiatives and the Charity's activities, which greatly differed and diverged from the plans the Charity made in either 2020 for 2021 or 2021 for 2022. Furthermore, the 2021 Report will be prepared with benefit of the full perspective from the completed period of time between 1 January and 31 December 2021.

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# Balance Sheet

## Linguæ Christi As at 31 December 2021

31 Dec 2021

### Assets

<b>Bank</b>	
Linguæ Christi	27,434
Petty Cash - Euro	446 <sup>1</sup>
Transferwise US Dollar Account	6,977 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Total Bank</b>	<b>34,857</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Accounts Receivable	11,923 <sup>1</sup>
Reversed Payments	(22)
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>11,901</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>46,758</b>

### Liabilities

<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Historical Adjustment	-
Rounding	-
VAT	(203)
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>(203)</b>
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<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>46,961</b>

### Equity

Current Year Earnings	14,725
Restricted Assets	495
Retained Earnings	30,974
Unrestricted Assets	766
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>46,961</b>

### Notes

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Figures converted into British Pound using the following rates:  
1.18977 EUR Euro per GBP. Rate provided by XE.com on 31 Dec 2021.  
1.35269 USD United States Dollar per GBP. Rate provided by XE.com on 31 Dec 2021.

# Profit and Loss

Linguae Christi

For the year ended 31 December 2021

2021

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## Turnover

Donation Income - Restricted	47,463.21
Donation Income - Unrestricted	9,285.37
<b>Total Turnover</b>	<b>56,748.58</b>

## Cost of Sales

Direct Expenses	24,120.86
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	<b>24,120.86</b>

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## Gross Profit

32,627.72

## Administrative Costs

Advertising & Marketing	940.85
Audit & Accountancy fees	332.10
Bank Fees	154.60
Bank Revaluations	(22.26)
Conferences	309.40
Consulting	100.00
Gifts/Honorariums	171.41
Housing	3,373.25
IT Software and Consumables	897.41
Meals/Food	1,308.56
Motor Vehicle Expenses	88.66
Office Supplies	1,812.85
Postage, Freight & Courier	1,616.17
Printing & Stationery	3,450.00
Realised Currency Gains	(4.82)
Rent	240.83
Subscriptions	229.00
Supplies	17.31
Training/Research	110.92
Travel	2,757.24
Unrealised Currency Gains	19.30
<b>Total Administrative Costs</b>	<b>17,902.78</b>

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## Operating Profit

14,724.94

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## Profit on Ordinary Activities Before Taxation

14,724.94

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## Profit after Taxation

14,724.94



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To whom it may concern:

**Independent examiner's report for the  
2021 Annual Report of the Charity known as 'Linguae Christi'.**

Having reviewed the accounts and seen that their gross income is more than £25,000, but not more than £1 million I am happy that a full audit is not required and that an independent examiner's report will sufficiently be able to look over the Charity's account and operations.

I confirm that I am a suitable person to provide this independent report because of my experience as an officer of similar charities working in the same sector. Mainly:

- My role in the preparation of the annual report for the Charity known as Caersalem Church Caernarfon (Charity number: 502317) for several years.
- My role on the management board of the charity known as Y Coleg Gwyn (Charity number: 525779).
- My role as superintendent of Cymanfa Bedyddwyr Arfon, which is not a charity but a Church organization managing an investment portfolio of over £250k to invest in Christian ministry.
- This being my third year serving as their independent examiner I have gained a better understanding of Linguae Christi's operation.

Because of my involvement in the three organizations named above which work in the same field as Linguae Christi I am well placed to examine the account and judge if the operations of the charity are in line with it's said aims. I have also read and understood the Charity Commission's Directions and guidance.

Having reviewed the accounts of Linguae Christi, read their written statement of activities during the accounting period and conversed with their officers about various matters, including how the Pandemic has affected their work, nothing that raises any concern has come to my attention.

They have shown good practice that is in accordance with the Charities Act 2011.

Yours,



Rev. Dr. Rhys Llwyd

DATE: 6th of October 2022