

North London Pastoral Assistants – Report of the Trustees , Year Ended 31st August 2022

The Trust continued to offer supervised experience of parish ministry within a Church of England Catholic context. The scheme remains open to women and men, and welcomes applications from candidates wishing to broaden their worshipping and ministry experience in an inner city setting, as well as from those already more familiar with Catholic parish life.

The Trust continued to receive generous funding from a range of charities including The Church of England Ministry Experience Scheme; The Cleaver Ordination Candidates Fund; The Fellowship of St John; The Greig Trust; and The Number One Trust. It was able to house Pastoral Assistants in housing generously provided by The Diocese of London, and by a private individual within one of the parishes.

For 2021-2, the Trust offered placements to six out of a possible eight young people to explore a vocation to ministry in the Church. Two Pastoral Assistants were recommended for training and have now commenced their studies in Mirfield College. One has accepted a place at St Stephen's House, one is pursuing non ordained ministry within the Church of England, one is staying on the scheme for a second year to continue the process of discernment. One left the scheme during the year for personal reasons.

Daily life continues to provide an invaluable grounding for future ministry. Pastoral assistants have taken assemblies and supported pupils in RE lessons and Messy Church activities at local primary schools. They have attended local YMCA youth activities, supported activities for older people in local community centres, helped in chaplaincy work at local hospitals and visited sick or isolated members of their congregations in their homes and in hospital.

During the year, a full series of in-person formation sessions was provided – the previous year, due to lockdown, less was offered, the majority of it online. Six sessions took place in St Andrew's Church, Holborn, with one in Salisbury. PAs and their formation supervisors also participated in a Quiet Day in a Franciscan house. NLPA also supported the cost of residential retreats for those PAs who wished, and enabled PAs to attend parish pilgrimages to Walsingham and other places alongside members of their congregations. Towards the end of the year, the Formation tutors, Frs Eric Lobsinger and Ben Kerridge led the PAs through a very full 6 day formation trip to Rome.

Pastoral assistants spoke warmly of their experience over the year. Some quotations from the Pastoral Assistants themselves:

“When I started the scheme I was at a crossroads.. early in my placement I felt an overwhelming affirmation: the Priesthood is a vocation I am to discern”

“From working with elderly people to the young children in the local school, we are offered the gift to minister to a great number of people in many occasions, sharing our Christian faith and seeing how God is at work in their lives.”

“Thanks to the scheme, the future holds for me a vocation to becoming a priest that I have been able to explore with my parish priest, my congregation and my co-workers.”

Charity Number: 1175492

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Financial Statements

For the year ended 31st August 2022

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Independent Examiner's Report – Period to 31st August 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of North London Pastoral Assistants Council

We report to the Charity Trustees on our examination of the accounts of the Charity for the period ended 31st March 2022.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

We report in respect of our examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out our examination we have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to our attention in connection with our examination giving us no cause to believe that in any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with those records ; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts) Regulations 2008 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.

We 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.


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**North London Pastoral Assistants
Statement of Financial Activity
for the year ended 31st August 2022**


	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Grants Received				
- No. 1 Trust	8,000		20,000	
- Cleaver Ordination Candidates Fund	9,000		9,000	
- Fellowship of St. John	18,000		18,000	
- Church of England Ministry Experience Scheme	7,200		5,760	
- Greig Trust	18,000		18,000	
Total Income		60,200		70,760
Expenses				
Expense Allowances	27,946		39,625	
Formation and Training Costs				
Formation Visits	4,761		175	
Other	4,039		461	
	<u>36,746</u>		<u>40,261</u>	
Accommodation Costs				
Council Tax	4,867		5,646	
Utility Costs	4,668		6,515	
Vicarage Expense Contributions	-		480	
Repairs and Maintenance	2,274		3,092	
Furniture and White Goods	967		360	
Sundry	1,796		913	
	<u>14,572</u>		<u>17,006</u>	
Less: Contribution from Lodger	-		(1,666)	
Write back of 2019/20 Provision	-		(360)	
	<u>14,572</u>		<u>14,980</u>	
Others				
Recruitment Costs	1,959		-	
Independent Examiner	500		500	
General Administration	450		386	
	<u>2,909</u>		<u>886</u>	
Total Expenses		(54,227)		(56,127)
Net Surplus for the Year		<u>5,973</u>		<u>14,633</u>
Balance brought forward		73,120		58,487
Balance carried forward		<u><u>£79,093</u></u>		<u><u>73,120</u></u>

**North London Pastoral Assistants
Balance Sheet as at 31st August 2022**

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Current Assets				
Debtors	-		1,227	
Prepayments	-		450	
Cash at Bank	<u>100,183</u>		<u>98,462</u>	
		100,183		100,139
Less: Current Liabilities				
Amounts payable within one year				
Sundry Creditors	3,090		1,019	
Income received in advance	<u>18,000</u>		<u>26,000</u>	
		(21,090)		(27,019)
Total Net Assets		<u>£ 79,093</u>		<u>£73,120</u>
Represented by:				
Unrestricted Funds		<u>£ 79,093</u>		<u>£73,120</u>

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees

on 14/6/23 and signed on their behalf by

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Chairman 

**North London Pastoral Assistants
Principal Accounting Policies Year to 31st August 2022**

The principal accounting policies adopted, judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty in the preparation of the accounts are laid out below.

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant notes to these accounts. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing the accounts in accordance with the Financial reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) (Charities SORP (FRS 102), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Assessment of going concern

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Critical areas of judgement or uncertainty

There are no significant areas of judgement or key assumptions that affect items in the accounts other than those included within the accounting policies described below.

Cash flows

The Trustees have taken advantage of the disclosure exemption in respect of the requirements of Section 7 "Statement of Cash Flows" in preparing these accounts as permitted by FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102) Update Bulletin 1.

Income

Income is recognised in the period in which the Charity is entitled to receipt and the amount can be measured with reasonable certainty.

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Principal Accounting Policies Year to 31st August 2022**

Expenditure

All expenditure is included on an accounts basis and is recognised when there is a legal or constructive obligation to pay for expenditure.

Charitable expenditure comprise grants which are provided for when approved by the Trustees, and support costs which are identifiable as wholly or mainly in support of the Charity's objectives based on the allocation of staff time and office resources.

Support costs are those costs which enable fund generator and charitable activities to be undertaken. Where activities incurred relate to more than one cost category, it is apportioned on the basis of time incurred.

Taxation

As a registered Charity, the Council is exempt from tax on assessable income applied within the objects of the Council.

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects.

Debtors

Debtors are recognised initially at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment losses.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised initially at fair value. Subsequent to initial recognition they are measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of cash on hand and balances with banks, and investments in money market instruments which are readily convertible, being those with original maturities of three months or less.

Appendix to the Accounts:

Reserves Policy

In line with many charities, the reserves policy is to keep approximately twelve months running costs in cash or equivalents

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