

# The Anabaptist Mennonite Network

England & Wales - Charity number 1175973

## Details

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Other names	THE MENNONITE TRUST
Status	Registered
Legal form	CIO
Registered	2017-11-28
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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH BY PROMOTING THE UNDERSTANDING AND PRACTICE OF THE MENNONITE AND OTHER ANABAPTIST BELIEFS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL AND THE PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATION AND RESOURCES INCLUDING FUNDING FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS, ORGANISATIONS AND STUDENTS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE PROMOTION AND STUDY OF ANABAPTIST BELIEFS, VALUES AND PRACTICES.

**Activities:** We seek to promote the understanding and practice of Mennonite and other Anabaptist beliefs and values. This is achieved through the provision of practical support and funding for Christian workers, like-minded organisations and community projects. Study bursaries and materials are also made available, and a network of Anabaptist groups in the UK is facilitated.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- Ireland
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£257,639	£216,389	-	-
2023-12-31	£235,081	£266,312	-	-
2022-12-31	£238,460	£238,490	-	-
2021-12-31	£493,732	£188,065	-	-
2020-12-31	£218,716	£159,990	-	-

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Carol Wert		2023-11-10
Dumisani NCUBE		2020-09-09
Helen Roe		2019-07-05
Karen Stallard		2024-12-06
Paul Rothwell		2022-09-26
Rev Philip Warburton		2022-07-08
Rev Sian Murray Williams		2023-07-15

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024



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## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Trustees	Philip Warburton Helen Roe Dumisani Ncube Sian Murray Williams Carol Wert Paul Rothwell Karen Stallard (appointed December 2024)  Linda Wilson (retired 6 July 2024) Tim Foley (retired 6 July 2024) Andy Potter (retired 30 September 2024)
Governing Document	CIO Constitution (2017)
Charity number	1175973
Principal address	Lytchett House 13 Freeland Park Wareham Road Poole BH16 6FA
Accounts Auditors	Caladine Ltd Chantry House 22 Upperton Road Eastbourne East Sussex BN21 1BF
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill, West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ

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## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2024.

### Introduction from retiring Chair, Linda Wilson, and new Chair, Phil Warburton



The world in 2024 seemed evermore uncertain, unequal, violent and polarised. Political and economic realities suggest that these trends are likely to accelerate in to 2025 and beyond. How can people who take Jesus seriously respond? Can followers of Jesus learn to be less anxious, listen generously, and work for justice attending creatively to the inevitable conflict such work demands?

The Anabaptist and Mennonite traditions are a rich resource that help us pose the right questions and develop good responses to the challenges the world and Church are facing. Standing in that tradition, the AMN continues to act in small but significant ways through our projects and partnerships.

We currently have four main projects:

**Peaceful Borders** supports migrants who have made, often dangerous, journeys to the UK. Project workers continued with drop-ins and developing personal connections, offering the practical advice that is so helpful for asylum seekers and refugees. They also continued to support a small number of particularly vulnerable people in Calais. They have an impressive list of impacts: some of these ways in which they made a difference to the lives of many people in 2024, can be read below. Political success of the far right in Europe has led to more pressure on migrants and the need for Peaceful Borders is greater now than for many years.

The AMN Church planting programme, **Incarnate**, continues to use online and in-person events and coaching to help develop Christian communities in line with Anabaptist Core Convictions. One of the highlights of 2024 was witnessing the potential of Incarnate's increasing partnership with other networks and, in particular, with the Brethren in Christ Church in the UK. Their report is also below.

**The Anabaptist Theology Forum**, continued to offer opportunities for academics and practitioners to meet and to encourage each other in the exploration of Anabaptist faith. They held a successful conference in the Autumn, welcoming Nelson and Ellen Krabill as special guest speakers from the US.

Our fourth project, **SoulSpace**, is one of the few groups working outside denominational and sectarian structures in the Belfast area. SoulSpace opens up opportunities for those who struggle to connect with traditional churches to explore and express their faith and create community together. This work, often carried out in the face of opposition and suspicion, remains vital and difficult. SoulSpace remained in pause during 2024, but will continue its vital work in 2025.

We continue to support two PhD students who study under the Centre for Anabaptist Studies. Their studies centre on Anabaptist theology and consider the role that Anabaptist theology can play in the wider Anabaptist community.

Our inaugural Operations Manager, Ian Geere, stepped down from his role in 2024. He did a great job enabling our projects to flourish and supported the trustees to provide strategic leadership. Ian continues to help us with

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the website. We are all very grateful for all that Ian brought to the Network. Following a thorough recruitment process, the Trustees were excited to appoint a new Operations Manager, Julia Timmins. Julia brings with her a great set of skills and experience and has settled well into the role.

There was also transition for the Trustees. During the year, a number of trustees came to the end of their terms: the Chair, Linda Wilson, Tim Foley, and Andy Potter. Joshua Searle also stepped down in 2024. Phil Warburton became Chair, Dumisani Ncube began his second term and we welcomed a new trustee, Karen Stallard, to the board.

The AMN remains in a stable financial position with much of the projects core funding underpinned by its property investment strategy.

We continued to give support to some long term partners:

- Alexandra Elish (via [Urban Expression](#)) who is part of the growing work of Incarnate;
- Grant support to the development of the joint Incarnate/BiCC project Emerging Leaders;
- Housing support (loan to [Mission Housing](#)) enabling a missional family to purchase their own home as they continue their valuable community work in Brighton;
- Funding for two students as they continue their PhD studies with the [Anabaptist Study Centre](#) at Bristol Baptist College, as well as the purchase of books for their library;
- Funding support to TransMission Film for the production of their 2024 film [Peace and Justice](#);
- And finally, being very aware of the continuing hardships in Ukraine, we again gave a further donation to [Dnipro Hope Mission](#) for their work with Mennonite churches there.

Looking forward to 2025, we will be celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> year of Anabaptism. We have been busy planning events and initiatives for 2025 in collaboration with our UK, American and European partners. Let us continue together in the urgent and patient work of following the peaceful way of Christ.

## Objectives and Activities

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We believe that the Anabaptist-Mennonite story offers a fresh and inspiring perspective to our contemporary society and has potential to inspire people to make new connections with the life of Jesus and his followers.

The Anabaptist Mennonite Network exists to energise people in their search for truth and wholeness and equip them to live distinctively through the core Mennonite commitments to justice, peace-making, reconciliation and non-violence.

The main purpose of the Network is to promote and embody an understanding of the Christian faith from a Mennonite or Anabaptist perspective in the UK and Ireland, and to resource people and organisations who are pursuing similar goals. It does so primarily by:

- providing a welcome to enquirers through the offering of hospitality and support, and enabling access to Christian resources, either through informal study or assistance with formal qualifications;
- offering logistical and financial support to other like-minded projects and organisations;
- maintaining traditional relationships with international Mennonite and Anabaptist networks, and seeking relationships with new partners working for similar objectives.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. All AMN activity serves communities through faith-based action and support and a summary of this year's activities follows.

A portfolio of residential properties is managed and maintained, either being used directly to house people embarking upon local support projects or let out at commercial rates to generate funds to be used for the objectives of the charity.

Three internal projects are managed (with our project SoulSpace being in pause during 2024), each manifesting

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Anabaptist values in different ways and in different contexts. These are detailed in the following section of the report.

A network of volunteer regional representatives is facilitated in order to ensure personal contact can always be offered to individuals connecting with the organisation, and those already exploring the Anabaptist tradition. The AMN continues to support the development of the Centre for Anabaptist Studies at Bristol Baptist College, and the maintenance of an Anabaptist library there. This is open for anyone who wishes to participate in relevant study and reading, either through personal use of library, or participation in formal learning, for which the charity provides some bursary support.

Grants and funding are provided, where possible, to individuals and organisations who apply for them. As trustees, we consider each application on its own merits.

## Achievements and Performance



Project Leader, Juliet Kilpin, prepared an annual report for Peaceful Borders that, amongst other things, outlines 21 impacts that the project had in 2024. Here follows a sample of the entries from that report:

### **Impact #1 - 223 people registered for Universal Credit**

During 2024 many asylum seekers received their Leave to Remain as the Home Office sought to clear the backlog. We assisted a minimum of 223 people with their Universal Credit applications - an increase of 400%.

### **Impact #2 - 92 applications for Independent Leave to Remain**

All those who received refugee status before the covid pandemic completed their 5 yrs in 2023/24 and then needed to apply for ILR, so the demand for assistance in 2024 has been high, "I had no idea what to do when I was given 7 days' notice to leave the hotel. I was on the streets. Now I have somewhere safe to build my life. Isa, Southend."



### **Impact #3 - 197 E-Visa Registrations**

All BRPs (Biometric Residence Permits) issued from 2021 had an expiry date of 31 Dec 2024 as they were to be replaced with E-Visas. However no information was provided by the Home Office for BRP holders until the end of October 2024. This caused huge anxiety for thousands of people as they did not know how to create an e-visa account. During the last 2 months of 2024 and into Jan 2025 our team assisted 197 people to apply for their E-Visa and authenticate their documents.

### **Impact #4 - 99 applications made & 85 families reunited**

Whilst our team are not registered to advise on immigration issues, we are able to help people with other things that help their immigration status and application processes, such as the practicalities of filling forms. This year we have helped 99 individuals successfully complete their applications for family reunion resulting in 85 families reunited.

### **Impact #5 - 35 Citizenship applications**

After an asylum seeker or refugee receives Leave to Remain they will next need to obtain Indefinite Leave to Remain and later they will be able to apply for British Citizenship. We have walked with many people through all

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these stages which demand detailed attention to complex application forms.

Bakr, a Syrian-Palestinian in Manchester, arrived in 2016. We helped him with his complicated asylum process, Universal Credit, college, housing and work. We then found him a lawyer to help reunite his family. During 2024 we helped him apply for a fee waiver so he, his wife and 5 children could apply for British Citizenship. "I have been in the UK for 3 years and this is the first time I have been to an Eid party with my people. I am so happy."

### **Impact #6 - 8 families accessed housing or homeless prevention teams**

In 2024 we assisted 8 families with housing, helping them find the right people in the council and advocating for the correct assistance.

### **Impact #7- 43 people helped to open bank accounts**

Everyone needs a bank account. But for asylum seekers it can be very complicated. Many High Street banks require a proof of address that is impossible to obtain in temporary asylum accommodation. A bank account is necessary in order for someone to apply for Universal Credit.

### **Impact #8 - 44 people supported at Job Centres to access training or work**

Our team has accompanied many people to appointments at the Job Centre to provide translation and additional support. People want to improve their English as soon as possible. It is a joy to celebrate with them when they pass their exams and secure jobs.

### **Impact #9 - 49 people given food vouchers**

Thanks to a grant from London Churches Refugee (Hardship) Fund and others funds we were able to help people buy necessities by sending supermarket vouchers.

### **Impact #10 - 122 people attended an Eid party in the park**

We celebrated Eid with a BBQ party in a London park. Families and individuals celebrated together with a feast of food and sweet treats and the children enjoyed space to play.

### **Impact #11 - 18 people visited when moved across the UK**

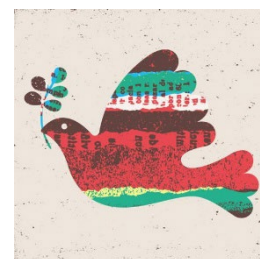
Asylum seekers and refugees frequently get moved at short notice to new areas of the country. This can be very unsettling especially if they have built community and started college. Visiting people can be very helpful to remind them they are not alone and give them courage to make new connections.

### **Impact #12 - 24 people connected with assistance when moved to new areas**

N was moved several times across the UK when she arrived as an asylum seeker. The latest room had no curtains to block the summer heatwave sun, no bed sheets, no cutlery or kettle. It was literally empty. We connected them with a local church and within 24 hours her room had been transformed by generous donations. People from the church continue to support N as she builds her new life.

### **Impact #13 - Calais House**

Peaceful Borders continues to support the Maria Skobtsova House in Calais which offers respite and a safe haven for some of the most vulnerable refugees facing illness or pregnancy while displaced. Through a partnership with Mennonite Mission Network the Givens family have been in Calais for nearly 3 years. Joseph & Rachel manage the day-to-day activities of the house and support residents. Simon Jones provides vital additional supervision and support for them as they serve in this important way.



### **#14 - Volunteers**

Joseph & Rachel help coordinate volunteers who come from all over the world to serve the Maria Skobtsova House in Calais. People regularly approach Peaceful Borders about volunteering opportunities and we are pleased to connect and support them in finding the right opportunity. Mennonites from southern France refurbished the dilapidated kitchen this year, ensuring the house can continue to be a place of hospitality and refuge for the most vulnerable.

### **#15 - Together Across Difference**

Peaceful Borders is the lead partner enabling the Anabaptist Mennonite Network to facilitate 10,000

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conversations during 2025. The work began in 2024 with workshops and pilot Weaving Trust events to teach the simple Weaving Trust methodology which brings people together across difference to have conversations.

We believe that conversations across diversity are one way of countering increasing polarisation in the UK and beyond and offer a practical peace-making way to build trust. Find out more and join in here

### #20 - EBF

Juliet Kilpin is able to use some of her Peaceful Borders time to fulfil her role as Chair of the European Baptist Federation's Commission on Migration. This team seeks to track migration trends across Europe and the Middle East and equip churches in the network to respond and provide assistance. A recent Commission visit to Serbia highlighted the situations Russian-speaking refugees are facing as they have had to flee for speaking out against the war with Ukraine. Also Cubans who are trying to build new lives in Belgrade.

### #21 - Employing staff

In 2024 we continued to employ 3 part-time Refugee Support Workers.: Samer, Ali & Mautasim. Each of them have their own experience of the UK asylum process that makes them experts in providing support and encouragement for others building new lives out of conflict and displacement.

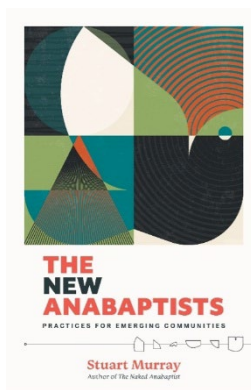
We are grateful to be able to extend their contracts for the whole of 2025 because of support from The National Lottery, but need to find partners and funders ahead of 2026 as 2 major grants will cease this year. We hope this Annual Report will inspire some regular giving. With family back in Syria and Sudan, we know how vital their work is to supporting people in the UK and beyond.



Barney Barron, Catalyst Coach with Incarnate writes: Incarnate is a project of the Anabaptist Mennonite Network which seeks to support Christian communities inspired by the core convictions and common practices of AMN. At the heart of this, Incarnate are particularly encouraging and supporting new pioneering and church planting initiatives. Barney Barron and Lynsey Heslegrave are employed by AMN as Catalyst Coaches to facilitate this work. Lynsey and Barney have been building connections across the UK and continue to support individuals and groups in this work.



Incarinate held two central in-person gatherings this year, the first being the House Party which brought together pioneers and Church planters to explore the common practices of Anabaptism from the recently published book by Stuart Murray 'The New Anabaptists'. The House Party offered a relaxed atmosphere giving time for rest, connection and stimulation of teaching from some of the authors of the book.



Later in the year we held a conference in a slightly more formal setting with church leaders and pioneers together. Recognising some of the challenges of division in the Church and the Anabaptist gift of peace making, we invited Nelson Kraybill to come and encourage us in our work for peace and unity starting among fellow Christians. Nelson is a Mennonite pastor and theologian. He spoke from his recently published book 'Stuck Together'.

There have also been some online teaching and gathering throughout the year with a focus this year on Peace making. Lynsey and Barney have continued to offer one to one coaching and support. This is through in-person visits to teams and individuals and online conversations.

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We have continued to develop some important partnerships this year. The Brethren In Christ Church are a predominantly black Zimbabwean denomination who are relatively new to the UK, but with a desire for church planting and mission. They identify as an Anabaptist denomination and we have been learning a lot from a people who hold a value of peace and truth telling during a regime of terror, violence and lies in Zimbabwe. These are not just lofty concepts for BICC, but costly convictions. They are learning from us as they explore contextual mission in the UK. Together, we are navigating what is the Good News and how do we communicate it to this current generation.

Alex, Lynsey, Barney and Themba visited Zimbabwe this year. Partly to do an advanced visit with the intention of taking out some young leaders from the UK in the future. However, this was a transformative visit for us personally and as partner organisations. We grew in relationship and understanding of one another. Stories of peace and reconciliation work in such a risky and difficult context challenged us to consider what does this mean for us in the U.K? Part of the answer for us is the development of a training program for emerging faith leaders, which will be launched in early 2025.

Since returning to the U.K. we have sought to build on our relationship with BICC. This has included some of us attending the BICC leaders conference and accepting invitations to preach and be part of their worshipping life. Another important partnership for us is with the Scottish Churches Network. We have continued to build relationship and offer resources as they explore Anabaptism as a network. This included an online Encountering the Anabaptists course sponsored by the Scottish Churches Network.



The flyer for the Emerging Leaders Program features the 'incarnate' logo and a recycling symbol. The title 'Emerging Leaders Program' is in a blue box. Below it, a yellow arrow points to the text: 'A 9 month learning journey for young adults passionate about peacemaking and leading for change.' A 'Highlights' section lists: 'Teaching from thought leaders, practitioners and activists on peacemaking, justice and creative change-making', 'Regular mentoring and opportunities for reflection', 'Evening sessions to fit around work or study commitments', and 'Learning visit to Zimbabwe.' A yellow 'APPLY NOW' button is prominent. Contact information includes 'ALEX@AMNETWORK.UK' and the website 'AMNETWORK.UK/INCARNATE/'. A QR code is in the bottom right corner.

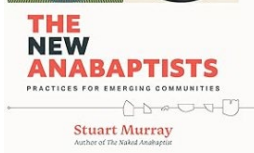


Fran Porter writes on behalf of the ATF steering group:

The ATF had another busy and varied year in 2024. We began in the first half with two online sessions. In February, David Bebbington, Emeritus Professor of History at the University of Stirling and visiting Professor of history at Baylor University, presented on 'The Reputation of the Anabaptists over the Centuries'.



In May, our focus was on a new book by Stuart Murray: *The New Anabaptists: Practices for Emerging Communities* (Herald, 2024). Stuart and three contributors to the book - Alex Elish, Juliet Kilpin, Karen Sethuraman – discussed some of the common practices that embody Anabaptist convictions, bringing stories of three Anabaptist-inspired initiatives.



In September, the Anabaptist Theology Forum held a two-day residential at High Leigh Conference Centre in Hertfordshire. With the closure of The Woodbrooke Centre in Selly Oak, Birmingham, we sought a new venue. While it is less central than a Midlands location, High Leigh is easily accessible by public transport. Twenty-one people gathered for the occasion with our special guests, Nelson and Ellen Kraybill.

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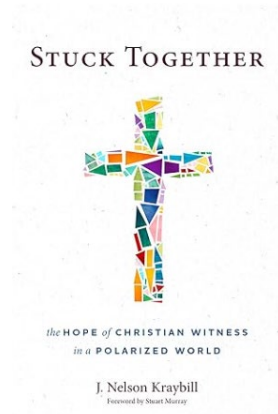
Nelson shared with us from his recent book, *Stuck Together: The Hope of Christian Witness in a Polarized World* (Herald, 2023), which explores how ancient Judaism, the early church, and the whole of Scripture engage polarities. We also spent time exploring the complex geo-political polarity of Israel and Palestine, with Nelson sharing with us his reflections on eight months he and Ellen recently spent in the West Bank. In addition, we had lively discussions focusing on a recent report produced out of a dialogue between Lutherans, Mennonites and Roman Catholics on the subject of baptism. Tom Yoder Neufeld had invited feedback from any within the AMN who wished to comment on the report. After the residential, Jeremy Thomson, who facilitated our discussion, drew together some of the key points which our discussion highlighted, and these were conveyed back to Tom, as a contribution of reflections from UK-based Christians who in engage with Anabaptist convictions and practices.

Most of those who attended had been to an ATF residential in the past two years, but there were also five people for whom this was a first event. Comfortable surroundings, bathed in sunshine, along with good food, gave opportunity to continue conversations outside of formal sessions, and we also had a meditative prayer session together, led by Kathy Nussbaum.

We held one more online event in the Autumn with Stuart Masters, until recently a tutor at the Quaker Learning Centre in Birmingham, leading a session on 'The Religious Roots of the Historic Peace Churches.' This session, reflecting on the roots of the Anabaptist and Quaker movements, was the first of what we hope will be a number of joint Anabaptist-Quaker sessions that celebrate both the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of George Fox and the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the Anabaptist movement.

The ATF intentionally seeks to organise joint events or supporting other ventures as part of fostering theological reflection on matters of interest to Anabaptism and its near neighbours. We therefore ended our 2024 activities encouraging people to join online the Centre for Anabaptist Studies' Annual Lecture held in November, given by Jeremy Thomson on 'Anabaptists and the First Testament.'

At the end of the year, having finished her time as an AMN trustee, and with our thanks, we said goodbye to Linda Wilson, who had been part of the ATF steering group for many years. We are glad to welcome Phil Warburton, on behalf of the trustees, to the steering group, along with Robert Card; they join Stuart Murray Williams and Fran Porter, and we are looking forward to seeing what 2025 brings.



## Anabaptism Today

This journal, usually published twice a year, is devoted to the investigation of contemporary issues from an Anabaptist perspective.

The journal's Editor retired from their duties during the year, but not before the publication of Edition 5.2 and a number of book reviews in January 2024: [Anabaptism Today](#). The search for a new Editor is in progress.

### **Edition 5.2 included the following articles:**

- Theological Responses to the War against Ukraine
- An Anabaptist Exploration of Lectio Divina
- An Anabaptized Bebbington Quadrilateral
- Clothing the Naked Anabaptist
- Celebrating 500 Years of the Anabaptist Movement, 1525-2025 (Part 3)
- and a number of book reviews

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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#### Financial Review

The fund balance, excluding Revaluation Reserve, on 31 December 2024 is £3,238,553. This represents an increase of £41,249 on the position at 31 December 2023 due to successful external grant applications and fundraising efforts by our project Peaceful Borders, as well as a rise in General Funds held.

The organisation continues on a very stable financial footing. Investment income from rental properties increased by 6% during the year, whilst interest rate rises enabled a 37% increase in income from cash investments. There continues to be some associated increases in property costs as we invest in maintenance and improvements to our newest property acquired in 2023.

Void periods within the property portfolio continue to be minimal, despite the challenging economic environment. Rental demand remains high in the areas selected for investment, and the AMN continues to adhere to high standards as a fair and equitable landlord, often leading to longer term tenancies in non-student properties.

The policy of the AMN is to retain sufficient unrestricted general cash/net assets to cover six months of rental income from a high earning property (with the range £14,000 - £29,000). Unrestricted cash assets have been consistently higher than this range, with the intention of covering a period of time in 2026 when reconfiguring of the property portfolio is planned to take place. The plan to sell one property was initiated in 2024, but is expected to complete in Summer 2025. A loss of £10,000 was recorded during the year on the sale of the property as compared with its previous asset value. The proceeds, together with designated funds, are intended to be used to invest in a larger rental property and further improve the levels of sustainable investment income obtained from the portfolio, which will allow the AMN to grow its charitable activities. New properties typically demand a high level of cash investment to bring them to standard for the rental market.

Cash deposits are held in a bank account with the Charities Aid Foundation, alongside a deposit of funds in the cash deposit platform, Flagstone Group Ltd, who are authorised by the Financial Conduct Authority, reference number 605504. The aim of the charity's investments in this platform is to secure the best financial return we can achieve on surplus and designated funds, without risk to capital, avoiding investments that conflict with our charity's purposes.

A social investment was made during the year in the form of a 2-year loan with a fixed rate of return to Mission Housing, in support of a family engaged in mission activity related to the AMN's charitable objectives.

#### Structure, Governance and Management

The charity was established by the trustees of the London Mennonite Trust (registered charity 227410) on 28th November 2017 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and constituted on the Foundation Model. Its purpose was to allow the unincorporated charity to continue its operations within an incorporated legal entity. Originally named 'The Mennonite Trust', the name of the CIO was subsequently changed to 'The Anabaptist Mennonite Network'.

2024 was a year of transition for the charity, with movement in key posts, the retirement of long-serving trustees and the development of knowledge and experience amongst new trustees to the board.

Trustees are recruited from members of organisations or churches sympathetic to Anabaptist understandings of the Christian faith. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees. The trustees have reviewed, and will continue to review, the range of skills they bring to the charity to ensure it is appropriate in accordance with good corporate governance.

The trustees met formally four times during 2024, as well as communicating extensively by email between meetings. Other Steering Groups of trustees and staff, which meet as required, have been established to advise the trustees on project activities and plans, or to work on specific activities as directed by the trustees.

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The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the organisation is exposed, and are satisfied that systems appropriate to the scale and type of organization are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. The trustees have given continued close attention to the long term and short term strategy for charity operations.

### Going concern

The trustees consider the organisation to be a going concern.

### Key risks and uncertainties

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

### Responsibilities of trustees under charity law

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*Phil Warburton*

Phil Warburton (Chair)

Date: 30 / 10 / 2025

## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ANABAPTIST MENNONITE NETWORK**

### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of The Anabaptist Mennonite Network (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the statement of financial position and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 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 31 December 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, 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 Charities Act 2011.

### **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 the provisions available for small entities, in the circumstances set out in note to the financial statements, 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 annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

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

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the Trustees' report; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

### **Responsibilities of Trustees**

As explained more fully in the statement of Trustees' responsibilities, the Trustees 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 cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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 these financial statements.

### **The extent to which the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud**

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the Charity through discussions with Trustees, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the charity sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the Charity such as the Charities Act 2011, the Trustees Act 1925 and Trustees Act 2000, and Charity Taxation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations

### **Audit response to risks identified**

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC and relevant regulators

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the Trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

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

### **Other matters**

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared financial statements 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)" (as amended) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with current Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The corresponding comparative figures are unaudited.

*Caladine Ltd*

Caladine Ltd, Statutory Auditor  
Chartered Certified Accountants  
Chantry House  
22 Upperton Road  
Eastbourne  
East Sussex  
BN21 1BF

30 / 10 / 2025  
Date.....

Caladine Ltd is eligible for appointment as auditor of the Charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>					
Donations	3	2,431	43,018	45,449	44,185
Charitable activities	4	7,290	-	7,290	-
Investments	5	204,900	-	204,900	190,896
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<b>214,621</b>	<b>43,018</b>	<b>257,639</b>	<b>235,081</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>					
Charitable activities	6	116,636	24,440	141,076	185,482
Raising funds	7	81,193	-	81,193	80,830
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>197,829</b>	<b>24,440</b>	<b>222,269</b>	<b>266,312</b>
<b>Net gains/(losses) on investments</b>		<b>(10,000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(10,000)</b>	<b>50,000</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>6,792</b>	<b>18,578</b>	<b>25,370</b>	<b>18,769</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	17	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>6,792</b>	<b>18,578</b>	<b>25,370</b>	<b>18,769</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds brought forward		3,616,530	54,350	3,670,880	3,652,111
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	17	<b>3,623,322</b>	<b>72,928</b>	<b>3,696,250</b>	<b>3,670,880</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The notes on page 15-22 form part of these accounts.

**THE ANABAPTIST MENNONITE NETWORK**

**BALANCE SHEET**

**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Investments	10	3,388,756	-	3,388,756	3,398,756
Social investments	11	50,050	-	50,050	-
		<u>3,438,806</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,438,806</u>	<u>3,398,756</u>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	12	6,112	-	6,112	11,516
Cash at bank and in hand	13	211,358	72,928	284,286	300,683
		217,470	72,928	290,398	312,199
<b>CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	14	(32,954)	-	(32,954)	(40,075)
<b>Net current assets / (liabilities)</b>		<u>184,516</u>	<u>72,928</u>	<u>257,444</u>	<u>272,124</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		3,623,322	72,928	3,696,250	3,670,880
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>		<u>3,623,322</u>	<u>72,928</u>	<u>3,696,250</u>	<u>3,670,880</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Unrestricted Funds	17				
General funds		2,969,642	-	2,969,642	2,941,029
Designated funds		190,104	-	190,104	201,925
Revaluation reserve		463,576	-	463,576	473,576
		<u>3,623,322</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,623,322</u>	<u>3,616,530</u>
Restricted Funds		-	72,928	72,928	54,350
		<u>3,623,322</u>	<u>72,928</u>	<u>3,696,250</u>	<u>3,670,880</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and were signed on its behalf by:

*Phil Warburton*

Philip Warburton

Date: 30 / 10 / 2025

Charity number: 1175973

The notes on page 15-22 form part of these accounts.

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**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
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**1 Statutory Information**

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales. The charity's registered number and principal address can be found on the Charity Information page.

**2 Accounting Policies**

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (the '2008 Regulations') requires charities to prepare their accounts in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005' but this accounting standard has since been withdrawn and has been replaced by the Charities SORP mentioned in the preceding paragraph. The charity has prepared these financial statements in accordance with the new Charities SORP; this departure from the 2008 Regulations is believed to be necessary for these financial statements to give a 'true and fair view'.

The accounts have been prepared in pounds sterling (GBP) and are shown rounded to the nearest pound.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

a) Going concern

The trustees (who are the charitable company's directors for the purposes of company law) have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Income from donations includes:

- i) Recoverable gift aid. This is recognised when the related donation is received. Gift aid that has not been recovered by the balance sheet date is included as a debtor.

Income from charitable activities represents income receivable from goods, services and facilities supplied in furtherance of the charity's charitable objects. It includes income from events and conferences.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets and includes income from letting the charity's investment properties and bank interest.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

Expenditure on raising funds comprises the costs incurred on maintaining and managing investment properties.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

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**2 Accounting Policies (cont.)**

d) Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects. Endowment funds are donations that are retained as capital in accordance with the donor's wishes. The nature of the restriction determines whether the endowments represent permanent endowments or expendable endowments.

e) Investments

Fixed asset investments are held to generate income and for their investment potential. Fixed asset investment properties are valued at their market value (fair value) at the balance sheet date.

f) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash held in a current account and short-term highly liquid investments maturing within three months or less from the opening of the deposit or similar account.

g) Pension scheme arrangements

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

h) Taxation

The charity has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's

i) Financial instruments

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Except for loans, creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive). The charity recognises liabilities for the principal of those loans that remains outstanding at the year end (i.e. the liabilities exclude any interest chargeable on the loans in future years).

j) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

k) Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

In preparing financial statements certain judgements, estimates and assumptions have to be made that affect the amounts recognised in the financial statements. The trustees consider the following to be significant:

- i) Fixed asset investment properties are included at fair value. This valuation is reviewed annually by trustees and adjusted for impairment or increases in market value.
- ii) The constructive obligation for grants payable is based on an assessment of the likely duration of the supported activity. Again this estimate is re-assessed annually and the obligation is adjusted to reflect current expectations.

**3 Donations**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Donations of cash and similar	7,258	3,257
Other grants receivable	38,000	40,752
Gift aid recoverable	191	176
	45,449	44,185

**4 Income from charitable activities**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Event income	7,290	-
	7,290	-

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**5 Investment income**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Property letting	194,703	183,493
Bank interest	10,198	7,403
	204,900	190,896

**6 Charitable expenditure**

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>a Costs incurred directly on specific activities</b>		
Staff costs	81,557	88,351
Self employed contractor costs	15,505	27,825
Staff & contractor travel, training & expenses	13,712	7,567
Event costs	9,124	2,894
Direct assistance	1,030	9,147
	120,928	135,784
Grants payable (note 6c)	3,396	41,715
	124,323	177,499
<b>b Costs incurred on support &amp; administration</b>		
Governance costs		
Audit fee	7,800	-
Other	2,666	2,984
	10,466	2,984
Administration	2,058	3,253
Bank interest & charges	728	660
Legal & professional fees	2,598	-
Insurance	903	1,086
	16,753	7,983
<b>Total expenditure</b>	141,076	185,482

**c Grants payable**

	Institutions	Individuals	2024
	£	£	£
Grants for UK and overseas mission	3,000	-	3,000
Grants for the relief of poverty	-	-	-
Grants for education, including ministry training	396	-	396
	3,396	-	3,396

The comparatives for the previous year are as follows:

	Institutions	Individuals	2023
	£	£	£
Grants for UK and overseas mission	21,250	-	21,250
Grants for the relief of poverty	-	-	-
Grants for education, including ministry training	20,465	-	20,465
	41,715	-	41,715

The charity's principal grants to institutions comprised:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Urban Expression	-	18,250
Bristol Baptist College (bursaries for students)	396	17,965
Dnipro Hope	2,000	3,000
University of Oxford	-	1,500
Grants to institutions for £1,000 or less each	3,000	1,000
	3,396	41,715

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**7 Cost of raising funds**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Property Professional Fees	55,148	51,678
Property Repairs/Renewals	17,792	23,938
Property Tax & Insurance	3,804	3,250
Property Utilities	4,450	1,964
	<u>81,193</u>	<u>80,830</u>

**8 Analysis of staff costs, the cost of key management personnel and trustee remuneration**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross wages and salaries	77,315	83,624
Social security	-	151
Pension costs	4,243	4,576
	<u>81,557</u>	<u>88,351</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 5 (2023: 4). Most of the charity's activities are carried out by volunteers.

No staff received salaries at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

No trustees received employment benefits in either the current or preceding year.

**9 Acting as agent**

In 2022, the charity received £3,908 on behalf of SoulSpace Bristol. This income was received as agent for this charity and was excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities. At the year end £1,922 (2023: £2,359) had not been distributed and is recognised as a creditor.

**10 Fixed asset investments**

	Investment	2024	2023
	Property	£	£
Fair value brought forward	3,398,756	3,398,756	3,348,756
Change in value of investments	(10,000)	(10,000)	50,000
Fair value carried forward	<u>3,388,756</u>	<u>3,388,756</u>	<u>3,398,756</u>

Investment property consists of 6 residential properties which are rented to provide income or used to provide short-term housing for charity projects. The properties have been valued informally during the previous 4 years by local independent estate agents at open market value assuming vacant possession.

One property was impaired during the year based on valuations received as part of the process of putting the property on the market for sale. This property was sold in 2025. With respect to the other 5 properties, the trustees are not aware of any material changes in value since their last valuation and the valuations have not been updated

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**11 Social investments**

	Concessionary loans	2024 £	2023 £
Cost, less impairment, brought forward	-	-	-
Loans made in the year	50,050	50,050	-
Loans repaid in the year	-	-	-
Cost, less impairment, carried forward	<u>50,050</u>	<u>50,050</u>	<u>-</u>

These loans are repayable as follows:

Within one year	-	-	-
After one year	50,050	50,050	-
	<u>50,050</u>	<u>50,050</u>	<u>-</u>

Social investments comprise a concessionary loan made to Mission Housing to enable a couple engaged in mission in Brighton to move to a new neighbourhood, buy their own property through Mission Housing and continue their mission in a new part of the city. They have been renting an AMN property which has been sold since year end (46 Goodwood Way). This loan is repayable by November 2026; it is unsecured and interest is payable annually at 2%.

**12 Debtors**

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Falling due within one year:</b>		
Gift aid recoverable	188	175
Other debtors	728	-
Prepayments and accrued income	5,197	11,341
	<u>6,112</u>	<u>11,516</u>

**13 Cash at Bank and in Hand**

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash at bank with immediate access	75,549	130,499
Notice deposits (with a term of three months or less)	208,737	170,184
	<u>284,286</u>	<u>300,683</u>

**14 Creditors: liabilities falling due within one year**

	2024 £	2023 £
Taxation and social security	2,069	1,630
Other creditors	1,922	2,834
Accruals	12,430	7,972
Deferred income	-	3,354
Grant obligations	16,533	24,285
	<u>32,954</u>	<u>40,075</u>

**15 Deferred income**

Deferred income comprises the following:

	2024 £	2023 £
Rent paid in advance	-	-
Balance at the beginning of the reporting period	3,354	-
Amount released to income	(3,354)	-
Amount deferred in year	-	3,354
Balance at the end of the reporting period	<u>-</u>	<u>3,354</u>

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**16 Pension commitments**

During the year employer's pension contributions totalling £4,243 (2023: £4,647) were payable to defined contribution personal pension schemes. No pension contributions were owing at the balance sheet date (2023: £474)

**17 Funds**

During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2024 £	Incoming resources 2024 £	Outgoing resources 2024 £	Transfers in the year 2024 £	Gains and losses 2024 £	Closing balance 2024 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>						
Property purchases	130,000	-	-	-	-	130,000
Mission Housing	57,000	-	-	(6,950)	-	50,050
Together Across Difference	-	-	(977)	10,000	-	9,023
Peace-making initiatives	6,925	-	-	(6,925)	-	-
Other	8,000	-	(3,969)	(3,000)	-	1,031
	<u>201,925</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,946)</u>	<u>(6,875)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>190,104</u>
<i>Revaluation Reserve</i>	473,576				(10,000)	463,576
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	2,941,029	214,621	(192,883)	6,875	-	2,969,642
	<u>3,616,530</u>	<u>214,621</u>	<u>(197,829)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>3,623,322</u>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
Witness Project	20,614	-	(20,614)	-	-	-
Peaceful Borders	8,698	43,018	(3,673)	-	-	48,043
South African Bursaries	2,746	-	-	-	-	2,746
Incarnate	418	-	(154)	-	-	264
SoulSpace	21,874	-	-	-	-	21,874
	<u>54,350</u>	<u>43,018</u>	<u>(24,440)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>72,928</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u>3,670,880</u>	<u>257,639</u>	<u>(222,269)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>3,696,250</u>

The transfers referred to above were made for the following reasons:

- £10,000 was transferred from General Funds to a new designated fund 'Together Across Difference'.
- From Mission Housing to general to release £6,950 which was not required for the mission housing consessionary loan
- From Peace-making initiatives & other funds to general fund to release the balances on these funds as agreed by Trustees.

**Analysis of net assets by fund**

The assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>				2024 £
	General funds £	Revaluation reserve £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Investment properties	2,925,180	463,576	-	-	3,388,756
Social investments	-	-	50,050	-	50,050
Debtors	6,112	-	-	-	6,112
Cash at bank and in hand	71,304	-	140,054	72,928	284,286
Creditors falling due within one year	(32,954)	-	-	-	(32,954)
	<u>2,969,642</u>	<u>463,576</u>	<u>190,104</u>	<u>72,928</u>	<u>3,696,250</u>

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**17 Funds (cont.)**

In the previous year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:

	Opening balance 2023 £	Incoming resources 2023 £	Outgoing resources 2023 £	Transfers in the year 2023 £	Gains and losses 2023 £	Closing balance 2023 £
<i>Designated Funds</i>						
Property purchases	130,000	-	-	-	-	130,000
Mission Housing	50,000	-	-	7,000	-	57,000
Grants and bursaries	15,465	-	(30,465)	15,000	-	-
Peace-making initiatives	6,925	-	-	-	-	6,925
Other	1,500	-	(2,500)	9,000	-	8,000
	<u>203,890</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(32,965)</u>	<u>31,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>201,925</u>
<i>Revaluation Reserve</i>	423,576	-	-	-	50,000	473,576
<i>General Unrestricted Funds</i>	2,939,526	193,655	(161,152)	(31,000)	-	2,941,029
	<u>3,566,992</u>	<u>193,655</u>	<u>(194,117)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>3,616,530</u>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
Alan Kreider Legacy	4,530	-	(4,530)	-	-	-
Witness Project	36,967	20,000	(36,353)	-	-	20,614
Peaceful Borders	18,096	4,354	(13,752)	-	-	8,698
Hopetowns	4,967	6,500	(11,467)	-	-	-
South African Bursaries	8,309	-	(5,563)	-	-	2,746
Incarnate	98	320	-	-	-	418
SoulSpace	12,152	10,252	(530)	-	-	21,874
	<u>85,119</u>	<u>41,426</u>	<u>(72,195)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,350</u>
Aggregate of funds	<u>3,652,111</u>	<u>235,081</u>	<u>(266,312)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>3,670,880</u>

**Analysis of net assets by fund**

In the previous year, the assets and liabilities of the various funds were as follows:

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>				2023 £
	General funds £	Revaluation reserve £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £	
Investment properties	2,925,180	473,576	-	-	3,398,756
Debtors	11,516	-	-	-	11,516
Cash at bank and in hand	41,236	-	201,925	57,522	300,683
Creditors falling due within one year	(36,903)	-	-	(3,172)	(40,075)
	<u>2,941,029</u>	<u>473,576</u>	<u>201,925</u>	<u>54,350</u>	<u>3,670,880</u>

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**17 Funds (cont.)**

*Designated Funds*

The Property purchases fund is money set aside for future additions to the investment portfolio, to be spent when a suitable property is identified. If insufficient funds exist, then this will only occur when an existing property is sold to increase the amount available for investment.

The Mission Housing fund represents an amount given as a consessionary loan (see note 10)

The Together Across Difference fund is for a project celebrating the 500th year of Anabaptism in Europe. It aims to have 10,000 hope-filled conversations during 2025, using the principles developed by the 'weaving trust' work of Citizens UK.

The Peace-making initiatives fund is for use on projects whose main activity is peace-making.

*Restricted Funds*

The Witness Project was launched with Humans for Rights network, with the aim of collecting stories and evidence from refugees and asylum seekers in the UK. It now focusses on bearing witness to the plights of those people and offering practical assistance.

The Peaceful Borders project supports refugees and asylum seekers on entry into the UK as well as working to support a house in Calais which offers respite and a safe haven for some of the most vulnerable refugees facing illness or pregnancy while displaced.

The South African Bursaries fund provides study buraries for Anabaptist-related studies to encourage Mennonites from South Africa to undertake UK-based courses.

Incarinate is a project of the Anabaptist Mennonite Network which seeks to support those who are currently or planning to pioneer new missional communities based on or inspired by the core convictions and common practices of AMN.

The Soulspace fund relates to funds transferred from this organisation to the AMN and the project now operates as part of the charity.

**18 Operating lease income**

The charity has operating leases in place for its investment properties. The minimum amount receivable (until the next break clause and ignoring the potential effect of future rent reviews) in respect of these leases is as follows:

	2024
	£
Payments falling due:	
Within one year	108,261
Between one and five years	-
After five years	-
	108,261

**19 Transactions with related parties**

During the year the charity paid expenses totalling £1,285 (2023: £398) for 6 (2023: 3) trustees for travel and attending conferences whilst carrying out duties associated with being trustees; reimbursements for expenses incurred when acting as agent for the charity or incurred when undertaking employment duties not connected with serving as a trustee are not included in this disclosure.

During the year the charity paid Atkinson Roe Architects for consultancy and management services in relation to the property portfolio. Helen Roe, who is a trustee, undertook this work and received a total of £24,480 (2023: £24,900) in fees. This arrangement is governed by a service agreement that stipulates normal commercial terms and was agreed by all trustees prior to the engagement. Payment is based on detailed itemised invoices which the trustees must approve before submission.

**20 Events since the year end**

Since year end, one of the investment properties (46 Goodwood Way) was sold for £370,000 on 24 July 2025.

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	Note	Unrestricted funds				Unrestricted funds			
		General 2024 £	Designated 2024 £	Restricted 2024 £	Total 2024 £	General 2023 £	Designated 2023 £	Restricted 2023 £	Total 2023 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>									
Donations	3	2,431	-	43,018	45,449	2,759	-	41,426	44,185
Charitable activities	4	7,290	-	-	7,290	-	-	-	-
Investments	5	204,900	-	-	204,900	190,896	-	-	190,896
<b>Total income and endowments</b>		<b>214,621</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>43,018</b>	<b>257,639</b>	<b>193,655</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>41,426</b>	<b>235,081</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>									
Charitable activities:	6	111,690	4,946	24,440	141,076	80,322	32,965	72,195	185,482
Raising funds	7	81,193	-	-	81,193	80,830	-	-	80,830
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>192,883</b>	<b>4,946</b>	<b>24,440</b>	<b>222,269</b>	<b>161,152</b>	<b>32,965</b>	<b>72,195</b>	<b>266,312</b>
<b>Net gains/(losses) on investments</b>		<b>(10,000)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(10,000)</b>	<b>50,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>50,000</b>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>11,738</b>	<b>(4,946)</b>	<b>18,578</b>	<b>25,370</b>	<b>82,503</b>	<b>(32,965)</b>	<b>(30,769)</b>	<b>18,769</b>
<b>Transfers between funds</b>	17	<b>6,875</b>	<b>(6,875)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(31,000)</b>	<b>31,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>18,613</b>	<b>(11,821)</b>	<b>18,578</b>	<b>25,370</b>	<b>51,503</b>	<b>(1,965)</b>	<b>(30,769)</b>	<b>18,769</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>									
Total funds brought forward		3,414,605	201,925	54,350	3,670,880	3,363,102	203,890	85,119	3,652,111
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>	17	<b>3,433,218</b>	<b>190,104</b>	<b>72,928</b>	<b>3,696,250</b>	<b>3,414,605</b>	<b>201,925</b>	<b>54,350</b>	<b>3,670,880</b>

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# Accounts

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

# THE ANABAPTIST MENNONITE NETWORK

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Trustees	Tim Foley Linda Wilson Andrew Potter Helen Roe Phil Warburton Joshua Searle (resigned 27 September 2023) Dumisani Ncube Sian Murray Williams (appointed 15 July 2023) Carol Wert (appointed 10 November 2023)
Governing Document	CIO Constitution (2017)
Charity number	1175973
Principal address	Lytchett House 13 Freeland Park Wareham Road Poole BH16 6FA
Independent Examiners	Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill, West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ

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## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023.

### Introduction from the Chair



We currently have four main projects, based on shared Anabaptist values, which in 2023 developed in their different contexts in ways appropriate to the projects, responding to the challenges of being a charity in 2023.

SoulSpace, in Northern Ireland, has developed regular monthly gatherings, alongside its existing strong online presence organised by a capable team of facilitators. Its focus is creating community, both in person and online, for people who struggle to connect with traditional churches. As one of the few groups working outside denominational and sectarian structures in the Belfast area, SoulSpace opens up opportunities for people to explore and express their faith in a variety of ways and thus resources and enhances both personal wellbeing and a sense of community. In addition, it continued to develop links with other groups focused on peace and reconciliation.

Peaceful Borders continued with drop-ins and continued to develop personal connections, offering the practical advice that is so helpful for asylum seekers and refugees. They have an impressive list of impacts: some of these ways in which they made a difference to the lives of many people 2023 can be read below. They also continued their work in Calais. Based on Anabaptist values, this important work impacts some of the people most in need in our society.

The AMN Church planting programme, now known as Incarnate, used both in person events and online connections to facilitate continued exploration and discussion around the development of churches based on Anabaptist values. An in person conference was held by this project at Woodbrooke, Birmingham, in September 2023, a time which enabled resourcing and connections and was much appreciated by everyone involved.

Our fourth project, the Anabaptist Theology Forum, continued to offer opportunities for academics and practitioners to meet and to encourage each other in the exploration of their Anabaptist faith. In 2023 it facilitated a mixture of online and in person events, with another residential conference held in September. As well as presentations and discussion, this enabled many informal connections and conversations. Some of the papers either have appeared already or will be included in Anabaptism Today, the online journal connected with AMN.

The trustees again met in person last summer, in London, whilst our longer November meeting, along with our two shorter ones, were online. We noted the value of meeting in person and hope to resume this twice a year in future. During the year, one trustee, Joshua Searle, resigned, due to relocating to Germany, but we were able to welcome Carol Wert as a new trustee, thus maintaining the diversity of trustee expertise and improving our gender balance.

Looking forward to 2024, I anticipate that these varied projects will be able to develop further, each in their own context, based on their shared values, supported and facilitated by the trustees and our operations manager.

### Support to partners

We continued to give support to some long term partners;

- Alexandra Elish (via Urban Expression) who is part of the growing work of Incarnate;
- Housing support for the Older family as they continue their valuable community work in Brighton;
- Funding for three students as they continue their PhD studies;
- And finally, being very aware of the continuing hardships in Ukraine, we again gave donations to Dnipro Hope Mission for their work with Mennonite churches there.

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### Objectives and Activities

We believe that the Anabaptist-Mennonite story offers a fresh and inspiring perspective to our contemporary society and has potential to inspire people to make new connections with the life of Jesus and his followers. The Anabaptist Mennonite Network exists to energise people in their search for truth and wholeness and equip them to live distinctively through the core Mennonite commitments to justice, peace-making, reconciliation and non-violence.

The main purpose of the network is to promote and embody an understanding of the Christian faith from a Mennonite or Anabaptist perspective in the UK and Ireland, and to resource people and organisations who are pursuing similar goals. It does so primarily by:

- providing a welcome to enquirers through the offering of hospitality and support, and enabling access to Christian resources, either through informal study or assistance with formal qualifications.
- offering logistical and financial support to other like-minded projects and organisations.
- maintaining traditional relationships with international Mennonite and Anabaptist networks, and seeking relationships with new partners working for similar objectives.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. A summary of these activities follows.

A portfolio of residential properties is managed and maintained, either being used directly to house people embarking upon local support projects or let out at commercial rates to generate funds to be used for the objectives of the charity.

Four internal projects are managed, each manifesting Anabaptist values in different ways and in different contexts. These are detailed in the following section.

A network of volunteer regional representatives is facilitated in order to ensure personal contact can always be offered to individuals connecting with the organisation, and those already exploring the Anabaptist tradition.

The AMN continues to support the development of the Centre for Anabaptist Studies at Bristol Baptist College, and the maintenance of an Anabaptist library there. This is open for anyone who wishes to participate in relevant study and reading, either through personal use of library, or participation in formal learning, for which the charity provides some bursary support.

Grants and funding are provided, where possible, to individuals and organisations who apply for them. As trustees, we consider each application on its own merits.

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### Achievements and Performance



Juliet prepared an [online Annual Report](#) for Peaceful Borders that, amongst other things, outlines eighteen impacts that the project had in 2023. Here follows a sample of the entries from that report:

#### **Impact #1 52 people registered for Universal Credit**

Applying for Universal Credit is complicated even for an experienced English speaker. When these 52 people received Leave to Remain none of their asylum accommodation providers assisted them with this task. We helped them upload their information and get registered quickly. This is imperative as asylum seekers are evicted from asylum accommodation at very short notice and may end up homeless if they have not registered for Universal Credit.

#### **Impact #2 48 people accessed housing or homeless prevention teams**

Given only short notice to leave accommodation once granted Leave to Remain, it is almost impossible to find follow-on accommodation. We helped 50 people into accommodation or access Homeless Prevention Teams. 70% of these people were aged 18-25.

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*I had no idea what to do when I was given 7 days' notice to leave the hotel. I was on the streets. Now I have somewhere safe to build my life. Isa, Southend*

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#### **Impact #4 44 people registered for education or training**

Asylum seekers and refugees want to learn or improve their English as soon as possible, but navigating online enrolment can be difficult when your English is low and you don't know how the UK system works. It is a joy to see how delighted people are when they finally have a place in class and to celebrate with them when they pass their exams.

#### **Impact #5 264 people given Eid food parcels or vouchers**

Cultural celebrations are important for everyone. But when you don't have facilities to prepare the traditional food or cannot afford the extra specialities it can make you feel lonely and isolated. Thanks to a grant from Choose Love we were able to help people celebrate with one another. People felt less lonely even though most are still many miles from their loved one.



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*I have been in the UK for 3 years and this is the first time I have been to an Eid party with my people. I am so happy.*

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#### **Impact #9 11 families reunited**

Whilst our team are not qualified to advise on immigration issues we are able to help people with other things that help their immigration status and application processes, such as the practicalities of filling forms. We have helped 11 families successfully complete their applications for family reunion. The last reunion of 2023 was for a family separated by the war in Sudan- 3 children were reunited with their mother who was already in the UK.

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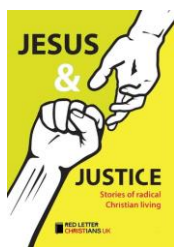
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### Impact #13 Calais House

Peaceful Borders continues to support the Maria Skobtsova House in Calais which offers respite and a safe haven for some of the most vulnerable refugees facing illness or pregnancy while displaced. Through a partnership with Mennonite Mission Network the Givens family have been in Calais for nearly 2 years. Joseph & Rachel manage the day-to-day activities of the house and support residents. We provide additional supervision and support for them as they serve in this important way.



### Impact #16 Writing and Reflecting



In 2023 Peaceful Borders Coordinator Simon Jones wrote a chapter on the Calais house and more widely his experience working with refugees for a book, which he edited, called Jesus and Justice: Stories of Radical Christian Living. It is published by Red Letter Christians UK and available from February 2024. There are other chapters that touch on work with displaced people.



In 2023 fellow Coordinator Juliet Kilpin wrote a chapter on Peaceful Borders for The New Anabaptists which was published in January 2024. She also presented a paper for the Truth, Love & Unity consultation organised by the Baptist Unions of Ukraine and Poland and the European Baptist Federation.



Lynsey writes:

Incarnate is a project of the Anabaptist Mennonite Network which seeks to support those who are currently or planning to pioneer new missional communities based on or inspired by the core convictions and common practices of AMN. Barney Barron and Lynsey Heslegrave are employed by AMN as Catalyst/Coaches to facilitate this work.

Central to Incarnate is the nurturing of a supportive network of church planters and pioneers. Some of those who have become part of this network have been involved in ministry for a long time, others are just exploring it for the first time. Some are in established ministries and/or communities, while others are currently either on their own or working in a pair, family or small group. Lynsey and Barney have been building connections across the UK and continue to support these individuals and groups.

One way of offering coaching support is through in-person visits and conversations via Zoom. In one part of the Southeast of England, Lynsey has brought together three pioneering groups to eat and share with each other. This has now evolved into a WhatsApp group for mutual support with plans to meet again early in 2024 and to invite other who are nearby. As well as this, Lynsey and Barney have hosted several online gatherings. One session was a follow up to a 2022 online gathering about being a non-anxious presence. Another session was focussed on the place of power in local ministry and pioneering contexts.

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In September 2023, Incarnate hosted a weekend conference at the Woodbrooke Centre in Birmingham aimed at pioneers, church planters and church leaders, which explored how we might be multi-voiced in our approaches to mission and ministry. Approximately 30 people attended. Speakers helped us to think about diversity in a number of ways, looking at how we listen well to those who might be marginalised in churches and communities, for example due to social and economic factors, culture, ethnicity or age.



In the run up to the September conference Barney and Lynsey hosted three guests from the Mosaic Mennonite Conference in the US. Emily and Angela are both local pastors as well as leaders within MMC and Ben, Angela's husband, is a pastor and community centre chaplain. Barney and Lynsey facilitated visits for Emily, Angela and Ben with a number of those who are part of Incarnate's network of pioneers, visiting groups and individuals in Walthamstow, Yeovil, Bristol and the Forest of Dean. Emily, Angela and Ben then joined the conference at Woodbrooke, with Emily and Angela both leading and facilitating sessions. One purpose of the visit was to explore a potential relationship between MMC and Incarnate, due to the shared values and the opportunity to learn from the different approaches to Anabaptist theology and practice. MMC brings a perspective grounded in a long historical tradition of Anabaptism and AMN offers a fresh view of interpreting and living Anabaptist principles without being tied to a historic tradition.

Barney and Lynsey have also been seeking to build relationships with other networks and organisations with shared Anabaptist values. One of these organisations is the Brethren in Christ Church. In the UK, members of the BiCC are predominantly Zimbabwean but they are looking to plant churches that are more multi-cultural. Incarnate is seeking to also support pioneer and church planters to think about cultural diversity in their communities and projects. Barney and Lynsey have therefore been connecting with Themba Ndlovu, a BiCC pastor and national leader who is looking at the denominations church planting strategy. Themba and several other BiCC pastors attended the Woodbrooke Conference, which was an important time for strengthening ties and learning and worshipping together. Before the conference Lynsey and Barney met with Themba in Birmingham at a church building the BiCC are planning to purchase (the first building BiCC would own in the UK). Themba shared the BiCC's vision for the building, including how they would like it to be a resource for AMN too.

Another opportunity for connection has come as Barney has been developing relationships in Scotland with various individuals, churches and networks with Anabaptist leanings. We are working together to raise awareness and create opportunities for people in Scotland to explore how connection with Incarnate may be helpful and relevant. In particular we are beginning to focus on the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism, but we hope other opportunities and networking will grow out of our developing connections.

In November 2023, some of those who have been engaging with Incarnate signed up to the online 'Encountering the Anabaptists' course run by Stuart Murray Williams. This course was valued by those who attended and enabled some, who are beginning to journey with Incarnate, to reflect more deeply on the values of AMN and how they might be expressed in the local pioneering context.

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Karen writes:

As we stepped into 2023, plans and preparations across Northern Ireland were already in full flow to mark what was to be a significant year in Northern Ireland: the celebration of 25 years since the signing of the Good Friday Agreement. Having grown up in the troubles, I am truly thankful for the peacemakers who sought to pave a better way. However, the current political instability and division still remain, and there is much more work to do in the healing and mending of our communities. The vision of SoulSpace is to seek ways in our divided context to be peacemakers; voices of hope, grace, compassion, peace, and to figure out what it truly means to live as neighbours with the 'other.' I confess that this work is extremely difficult and at times very challenging. However, as I look back over 2023 I am thankful to God who continues to be present and faithful, usually showing up in the most unexpected of places and spaces.

Our objectives are as follows:

- Offer and develop SoulSpace Community Chaplaincy
- Lead existing SoulSpace Community (journeying with people who feel they 'don't fit' in church; the spiritual wanderers/refugees)
- Promote peace and reconciliation through various projects (including tackling injustice)
- Develop partnerships with other peace and reconciliation hubs
- Champion Public Theology
- Train and support volunteers



In 2023, the following opportunities helped us to achieve our objectives/Impact:

- Our face-to-face gathering (The Table) met monthly for food, friendship, and reflection. Our gathering exists for people who feel they 'don't fit' in church, and we were encouraged by all who attended.
- Our Online SoulSpace Community was set-up in response to a survey conducted which highlighted interest in having a space for those who are unable to meet face-face. We currently have over 300 people, and I am thankful to our team of six contributors who keep the online space active. We hosted the 'Virtual Table,' and were encouraged by the response to our online Lent programme, as well as reading/discussing together the book: The Naked Anabaptist.
- One of the highlights of 2023, was the invitation in August to attend and read a Blessing at the launch of an outdoor Art Exhibition in Belfast, titled: 'It is Different for Mothers' – highlighting the unique experience of mothers who lost children during the conflict. I was humbled to be there, and to hear the moving stories of loss and grief shared. Their stories impacted me deeply.
- Invitation to take part in a mentoring programme for girls from Protestant/Catholic schools, as well as ongoing mentoring with US Mennonites: Journey Programme. We were also invited to share about SoulSpace / peace and reconciliation to MA students at Queens University.
- We had the opportunity to be part of a team that set-up a weekly twitter



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space called 'Hear Her Voice' – providing an opportunity for women to come together each Wednesday evening to discuss topics such as: cost of living, misogyny, peace-making, leadership, workplace struggles, mental health, etc. It was an honour to be part of this team, working alongside amazing women from different communities across NI. Each week a few hundred women would gather online. We formed great friendships, and will continue to work together.

- SoulSpace is represented on the NI Interfaith Forum, and met monthly throughout 2023. We have contributed to various peace and reconciliation conferences in partnership with other organisations, as well other initiatives championing inter-faith work.
- I'm thankful for team – especially to Erin and Alisha who have worked tirelessly, particularly concerning our face-to-face and online gatherings.



Fran writes:

The Anabaptist Theology Forum (ATF) is a gathering of people who have an interest in theological reflection on Anabaptism and, as those who find in Anabaptism a place of belonging, on theological themes more broadly. Involving historical perspectives, contemporary concerns, biblical content, and matters of practice, we explore theology together, whether having formal theological backgrounds or not! While we aim to think deeply, we also aim that we do so accessibly. A number of past contributions are available through the Theology Forum section of the AMN website, which means people can check out if getting involved might be for them, and then sign up to hear about future events.

The ATF began as an in-person gathering, over two days, once or twice a year. The Covid pandemic saw the move to online gatherings for individual sessions. This enabled more people to participate and grow the ATF network. In 2022 we returned to meeting in person but also kept up our online presence, continuing that pattern into 2023. In the first half of the year, we met online for a session led by Gideon Diego on 'Africa and the Anabaptist Identity' and how, with the steady rise of Anabaptism in the African continent, three themes of Anabaptism are finding particular resonance there: the serious stance regarding matters of faith; the importance placed on community; and an acute awareness of power and its impact on society.

Our in-person residential was held over two days in September. Twenty-two people gathered at the Woodbrooke Quaker Learning Centre in Birmingham, this being one of their last residential events before the Centre was closing this aspect of its work (and our thanks to our friends at Woodbrooke for being such great hosts these past two years as we have started to meet in person again). We started our time together with a conversation with Paul Lusk and Andrew Bolton on their respective After Christendom works on Democracy and the Sermon on the Mount. Two more sessions continued discussions from the 2022 residential, with John Heathershaw on 'Theological Responses to War', particularly in the light of the situation in Ukraine, and Lloyd Pietersen and Fran Porter reflecting on the text *The Politics of Jesus* in the light of its author's abuses. Two further sessions reflected on Anabaptist engagement with Catholic and Anglican traditions, with Carol Wert bringing us 'A Different Way of Being Anabaptists: Making Peace with Our Medieval Catholic Spirituality', and David Porter, 'Faith in Conflict; Anabaptist Reflections on Leadership, Discernment and Decision-Making in the Church of England'. (The papers from John Heathershaw and Carol Wert are now available in *Anabaptism Today*.) These sessions were interspersed with evening prayer and conversations over meals, with time for making connections, and sharing ideas, information and stories.

In November, we again encouraged ATF participants to join online for the Centre for Anabaptist Studies Annual

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Lecture held at Bristol Baptist College, where this year Fran Porter's lecture was entitled, 'Why Women Doing Theology Matters for Everyone: Sexual Violence, Tainted Legacies, and the Integrity of Anabaptist Theology' (which is being published in a 2024 edition of Anabaptism Today.)

We look forward to 2024 when, along with some online events, we will be joined at our residential (at High Leigh in Hertfordshire) by Nelson and Ellen Kraybill.

# Anabaptism Today

This journal, usually published twice a year, is devoted to the investigation of contemporary issues from an Anabaptist perspective.

As anticipated in last year's report, Lloyd Pietersen was able to resume editorial duties and two issues were published. One in April 2023 and the second in January 2024. The second volume was delayed due to the ill health of the editor but we anticipate the two volumes for 2024 being published in a timely manner.

### **Edition 5.1 included the following articles:**

- Melchior Rinck, the Diabolical Practice of Infant baptism, and Non-Heroic Anabaptism
- "Putin has cured me of my pacifism"
- A Theological Reflection on the Notion of Convictions and Reflecting on Convictions as the Task of Theology
- Reflections on Practice: SoulSpace Bristol
- and a number of book reviews

### **Edition 5.2 included the following articles:**

- Theological Responses to the War against Ukraine
- An Anabaptist Exploration of Lectio Divina
- An Anabaptized Bebbington Quadrilateral
- Clothing the Naked Anabaptist
- Celebrating 500 Years of the Anabaptist Movement, 1525-2025 (Part 3)
- and a number of book reviews

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### Financial Review

The fund balance, excluding Revaluation Reserve, on 31 December 2023 is £3,197,304. This represents a decrease of £31,231 on the position at 31 January 2023. Almost all of this movement was the reduction in Restricted Funds as lower levels of external funding for some of the projects meant that they used prior reserves. General Funds remained largely unchanged in the year, despite increases in grant-making activity.

The organisation continues on a very stable financial footing. Investment income significantly increased as the additional property added to the portfolio towards the end of the year had a full period of returns. There continues to be some associated increases in property costs as we continue to catch up on maintenance and improvements delayed by the pandemic.

Void periods within the property portfolio continue to be minimal, despite the challenging economic environment. Rental demand remains high in the areas selected for investment, and the AMN continues to adhere to high standards as a fair and equitable landlord, often leading to longer term tenancies in non-student properties.

The policy of the AMN is to retain sufficient reserves (not including Restricted or Designated Funds) to cover six months of rental income from a high earning property. This is sufficient to cover any periods of time where the portfolio is being reconfigured.

The plan to sell one property in 2023 was delayed, but is expected to occur in 2024. The proceeds, together with Designated funds, will be used to invest in a larger house and further improve the levels of investment income obtained from the portfolio.

### Structure, Governance and Management

The charity was established by the trustees of the London Mennonite Trust (registered charity 227410) on 28th November 2017 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and constituted on the Foundation Model. Its purpose was to allow the unincorporated charity to continue its operations within an incorporated legal entity. Originally named 'The Mennonite Trust', the name of the CIO was subsequently changed to 'The Anabaptist Mennonite Network'.

Trustees are recruited from members of organisations or churches sympathetic to Anabaptist understandings of the Christian faith. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees. The trustees have reviewed, and will continue to review, the range of skills they bring to the charity to ensure it is appropriate in accordance with good corporate governance.

The trustees met formally four times during 2023, as well as communicating extensively by email between meetings. Other working groups of trustees and staff, which meet as required, have been established to advise the trustees or to work on specific activities as directed by the trustees.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the organisation is exposed, and are satisfied that systems appropriate to the scale and type of organization are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. The trustees have given continued close attention to the long term and short term strategy for the operations.

### Going concern

The trustees consider the organisation to be a going concern.

### Key risks and uncertainties

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

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### Responsibilities of trustees under charity law

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

1. select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
2. observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Linda Wilson (Chair of Trustees)

Date: 6 July 2024

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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ANABAPTIST MENNONITE NETWORK

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 12 to 21 and have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 14 to 15.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

#### Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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.

*Sarah Crispin*

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Stewardship  
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Date: 25 July 2024

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		2023			2022
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Total £
<b>Income</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	2,759	41,426	44,185	92,633
Charitable activities	4	-	-	-	3,137
Investments	5	190,896	-	190,896	142,690
Profit on disposal of fixed assets		-	-	-	-
Total income		193,655	41,426	235,081	238,460
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Raising Funds	6	80,830	-	80,830	55,327
Charitable activities	7	113,287	72,195	185,482	183,163
Total expenditure		194,117	72,195	266,312	238,490
Net income / (expense)		(462)	(30,769)	(31,231)	(30)
Transfers between funds	13	-	-	-	-
<b>Other recognised gains</b>					
Gains on revaluation of investments		50,000	-	50,000	423,576
Net movement in funds		49,538	(30,769)	18,769	423,546
Total funds brought forward		3,566,992	85,119	3,652,111	3,228,565
Total funds carried forward	13	3,616,530	54,350	3,670,880	3,652,111

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations

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## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

		2023		2022	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Investments	10		<b>3,398,756</b>		3,348,756
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	11	<b>11,516</b>		4,571	
Cash at bank and in hand		<b>300,683</b>		<b>317,971</b>	
		<b>312,199</b>		<b>322,542</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	<b>40,075</b>		19,187	
Net current assets			<b>272,124</b>		303,355
<b>Net Assets</b>			<b>3,670,880</b>		<b>3,652,111</b>
<b>Fund Balances</b>	13				
Unrestricted funds					
General funds			<b>2,941,029</b>		2,939,526
Designated funds			<b>201,925</b>		203,890
Revaluation reserve			<b>473,576</b>		423,576
			<b>3,616,530</b>		3,566,992
Restricted funds			<b>54,350</b>		85,119
			<b>3,670,880</b>		<b>3,652,111</b>

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 6 July 2024 and were signed on their behalf by:

*Linda Wilson*

25 / 07 / 2024

Linda Wilson (Chair)

The notes on page 13-21 form part of these accounts.

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#### 1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales. The charity's registered number and principal address can be found on the Charity Information page.

#### 2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (the '2008 Regulations') requires charities to prepare their accounts in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005' but this accounting standard has since been withdrawn and has been replaced by the Charities SORP mentioned in the preceding paragraph. The charity has prepared these financial statements in accordance with the new Charities SORP; this departure from the 2008 Regulations is believed to be necessary for these financial statements to give a 'true and fair view'.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

##### a) Going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

##### b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets and includes income from letting the charity's property and bank interest.

Other income comprises gains arising from the disposal of investment assets.

##### c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

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Expenditure on raising funds comprises the costs incurred on managing and maintaining the investment properties.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on the strategic management of the charity.

#### **d) Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

#### **e) Investments**

Fixed asset investments are held to generate income and for their investment potential. Current asset investments are investments that are held specifically for sale or are investments that the charity expects to sell by the next balance sheet date.

Fixed asset investment properties are stated at fair value. Recently purchased properties are stated at cost, after which local estate agents are consulted for advice on current market value.

#### **f) Pensions**

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

#### **g) Taxation**

The charity has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

#### **h) Financial instruments**

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Except for loans, creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive). The charity recognises liabilities for the principal of those loans that remains outstanding at the year end (i.e. the liabilities exclude any interest chargeable on the loans in future years).

#### **i) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement**

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>3 Donations and legacies</b>				
Donations and gifts	2,449	674	3,123	10,893
Gift Aid	176	-	176	190
Grants received	-	40,752	40,752	79,451
Other	134	-	134	2,099
	<b>2,759</b>	<b>41,426</b>	<b>44,185</b>	<b>92,633</b>

A full analysis of restricted income is given in note 13.

No government grants were received.

### 4 Income from charitable activities

Event income	-	-	-	3,137
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### 5 Investment income

Interest income	7,403	-	7,403	2,805
Rental income	183,493	-	183,493	139,885
	<b>190,896</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>190,896</b>	<b>142,690</b>

### 6 Expenditure on raising funds

Property Professional Fees	51,678	-	51,678	33,714
Property Repairs/Renewals	23,938	-	23,938	17,019
Property Tax & Insurance	3,250	-	3,250	2,536
Property Utilities	1,964	-	1,964	2,058
	<b>80,830</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>80,830</b>	<b>55,327</b>

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>7 Expenditure on charitable activities</b>				
Staff costs (note 8)	60,226	28,125	88,351	91,329
Grant making (note 9)	31,622	10,093	41,715	19,385
Staff Travel & Subsistence	4,550	2,921	7,471	10,976
Additional staff & support	7,041	20,880	27,921	32,980
Trustee Travel & Subsistence	1,424	-	1,424	2,549
General Admin & Subs	2,382	-	2,382	2,332
Event costs	2,394	500	2,894	11,180
Direct assistance	-	9,147	9,147	8,624
Bank interest & charges	660	-	660	739
Legal & professional fees	1,560	-	1,560	1,539
Stationary & office costs	342	529	871	678
Insurance	1,086	-	1,086	852
	<b>113,287</b>	<b>72,195</b>	<b>185,482</b>	<b>183,163</b>

£1,560 was paid for the examination of the Accounts (Prior year: £1,500).

### 8 Staff costs

Salaries and wages	56,623	27,001	83,624	86,682
Social security costs	151	-	151	-
Pension costs	3,452	1,124	4,576	4,647
	<b>60,226</b>	<b>28,125</b>	<b>88,351</b>	<b>91,329</b>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 6 (Prior year: 6).

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

Pension costs are paid to an externally run Defined Contribution scheme (NEST).

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
<b>9 Grantmaking</b>				
Ukraine churches	3,000	-	3,000	3,400
Urban Expression	18,250	-	18,250	3,250
Anvil Trust	-	-	-	3,500
Films	1,000	-	1,000	1,987
Mennonite Library	187	-	187	500
Study Bursaries	7,685	10,093	17,778	5,748
Others	1,500	-	1,500	1,000
	<b>31,622</b>	<b>10,093</b>	<b>41,715</b>	<b>19,385</b>

### Material Grants to institutions

- SoulSpace – a cross-community peace building and church planting initiative in Belfast which is aligning itself with Anabaptist values.
- Ukraine churches – funds given to Dnipro Hope Mission to support Mennonite churches in Ukraine and their response to the humanitarian crisis there.
- Urban Expression – an organisation supporting community work and gatherings in marginalised communities, with shared Anabaptist values.

### Grants to individuals

- Study Bursaries – amounts paid to students undertaking education on courses with recognised Mennonite and Anabaptist content.

### Acting as agent

During the year the charity received £nil (Prior year: £3,908) on behalf of SoulSpace Bristol. This income is received as agent for this charity and the income is excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities. At the year-end £2,359 (Prior year: £3,479) had not been distributed and is recognised as a creditor.

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<b>10 Investment Assets - Properties</b>	<b>Land and Buildings £</b>
<b>Valuation</b>	
At 1 January 2023	3,348,756
Additions	-
Gains on revaluation	50,000
Disposals	-
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<b><u>3,398,756</u></b>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 January 2023 and At 31 December 2023	-
<b>Net Book Value</b>	
<b>At 31 December 2023</b>	<b><u><u>3,398,756</u></u></b>
At 31 December 2022	<u>3,348,756</u>

These investments consist of 6 (Prior year: 6) residential properties which are rented to provide income or used to provide short-term housing for charity projects.

There are no restrictions on realising the investments or receiving income and disposal proceeds.

<b>11 Debtors and Prepayments</b>	<b>2023 £</b>	<b>2022 £</b>
Trade Debtors	<b>3,508</b>	1,400
Prepayments and accrued income	<b>8,008</b>	3,171
	<b><u>11,516</u></b>	<b><u>4,571</u></b>

### **12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

Grant commitments	<b>24,285</b>	-
Other Creditors	<b>2,834</b>	4,005
Taxation and social security	<b>1,630</b>	2,379
Accruals and deferred income	<b>11,326</b>	12,803
	<b><u>40,075</u></b>	<b><u>19,187</u></b>

Some grant commitments may fall due after one year, depending on the development of projects or the personal progress of study bursary recipients.

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13 Funds	Balance at 31 Dec 2022 £	Income £	Expense £	Transfers £	Gains £	Balance at 31 Dec 2023 £
During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:						
<i>Designated Funds</i>						
Property purchases	130,000	-	-	-	-	130,000
Mission Housing	50,000	7,000	-	-	-	57,000
Grants and bursaries	15,465	15,000	(30,465)	-	-	-
Peace-making initiatives	6,925	-	-	-	-	6,925
Other	1,500	9,000	(2,500)	-	-	8,000
	203,890	31,000	(32,965)	-	-	201,925
Revaluation reserve	423,576	-	-	-	50,000	473,576
General Unrestricted	2,939,526	162,655	(161,152)	-	-	2,941,029
Total Unrestricted Funds	3,566,992	193,655	(194,117)	-	50,000	3,616,530
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
Alan Kreider Legacy	4,530	-	(4,530)	-	-	-
Witness Project	36,967	20,000	(36,353)	-	-	20,614
Peaceful Borders	18,096	4,354	(13,752)	-	-	8,698
Hopetowns	4,967	6,500	(11,467)	-	-	-
South African Bursaries	8,309	-	(5,563)	-	-	2,746
Incarnate	98	320	-	-	-	418
Soulspace	12,152	10,252	(530)	-	-	21,874
	85,119	41,426	(72,195)	-	-	54,350
Aggregate of funds	3,652,111	235,081	(266,312)	-	50,000	3,670,880

#### Analysis of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted £	Total £
	General £	Designated £	Revaluation £		
Investment properties	2,925,180	-	473,576	-	3,398,756
Debtors	11,516	-	-	-	11,516
Cash at bank	41,236	201,925	-	57,522	300,683
Creditors: within one year	(36,903)	-	-	(3,172)	(40,075)
	2,941,029	201,925	473,576	54,350	3,670,880

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#### Designated Fund Notes

Future property purchases – amount set aside for future additions to the investment portfolio, to be spent when a suitable property is identified. If insufficient funds exist, then this will only occur when an existing property is sold to increase the amount available for investment.

Mission Housing investment – a specific investment identified for actioning in 2023 (now delayed to 2024).

Grants and bursaries – multi-year awards that the AMN has indicated will be paid over the next few years.

Peace-making initiatives – set aside for use on projects whose main activity is peace-making.

#### Restricted Fund Notes

Alan Kreider Legacy Fund – following the death of Alan Kreider in 2017, a fund bearing his name was established to support study in specified fields and international exchange visits.

Witness Project – a project, launched with Humans for Rights Network, with the aim of collecting stories and evidence from refugees and asylum seekers in the UK. It now focusses on bearing witness to the plights of those people and offering practical assistance.

Peaceful Borders – a project that supports refugees and asylum seekers on entry into the UK.

Hopetowns – a project, linked to Peaceful Borders, that hosts regular social and learning gatherings in London for refugees and asylum seekers.

South African Bursaries – operating alongside the Alan Kreider Legacy Fund (above) to provide study bursaries for Anabaptist-related studies, this fund exists to encourage Mennonites from South Africa to undertake UK-based courses.

SoulSpace – having made unrestricted grants to this organisation previously (see note 9), this project has now been moved within the charity and restricted funds accepted for its operation.

## 15 Transactions with trustees and related parties

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with this charity or a related entity.

The charity engaged the services of Atkinson Roe Architects to provide consultancy and management services in relation to the property portfolio. Helen Roe, a trustee, undertook this work and received a total of £24,900 (Prior period: £21,045) in fees. This arrangement is governed by a service agreement that stipulates normal commercial terms and was agreed by all trustees prior to the engagement. Payment is based on detailed itemised invoices which the trustees must approve before submission. There were no amounts outstanding at the period end.

Trustee expenses are included in note 7. The number of trustees reimbursed for expenses was 3 (Prior period: 6).

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**THE ANABAPTIST MENNONITE NETWORK**  
**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

# THE ANABAPTIST MENNONITE NETWORK

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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Trustees	Tim Foley Linda Wilson Andrew Potter Helen Roe Joshua Searle Dumisani Ncube Patience Zikhali (resigned 26 September 2022) Philip Warburton (appointed 8 July 2022) Paul Rothwell (appointed 26 September 2022)
Governing Document	CIO Constitution (2017)
Charity number	1175973
Principal address	Lytchett House 13 Freeland Park Wareham Road Poole BH16 6FA
Independent Examiners	Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage London EC1Y 8AB
Bankers	CAF Bank Ltd 25 Kings Hill Avenue Kings Hill, West Malling Kent ME19 4JQ

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## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

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The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022.

### Introduction from the Chair



The year 2022 brought many challenges for charities as organisations and individuals were still emerging from the pandemic and its effects, and AMN and its projects were no exceptions to this. In addition, the war in Ukraine also brought challenges for charities, including AMN.

#### *AMN projects*

Much that had stopped during the Pandemic, or had gone online, had not yet fully resumed by the start of 2022, so during the year our projects were re-establishing themselves and considering how best to pursue their goals. We currently have four main projects, all of which responded in different ways to this challenge.

SoulSpace, in Northern Ireland, has chosen to continue with a strong online presence, and has created an online community for people who struggle to connect with physical churches. As one of the few groups working outside denominational and sectarian structures in the Belfast area, SoulSpace opens up opportunities for people to explore and express their faith in a variety of ways and thus resources and enhances both personal wellbeing and a sense of community.

Peaceful Borders, by contrast, resumed drop-ins and continued to develop personal connections, offering the practical advice that is so helpful for asylum seekers and refugees. They have also continued their work in Calais. Based on Anabaptist values, this important work impacts some of the people most in need in our society.

The AMN Church planting programme, now known as Incarnate (after absorbing a smaller similar project of that name), is still in the early stages of development. It has used both in person events and online connections to facilitate exploration and discussion around the development of churches based on Anabaptist values. An in-person conference was held by this project at Woodbrooke, Birmingham, in March 2022, a time which enabled resourcing and connections and was much appreciated by everyone involved.

Our fourth project, the Anabaptist Theology Forum, whilst maintaining the online seminars that were so successful during lockdown, also had its first in person conference since the start of the pandemic in September 2022. This enabled, as well as presentations and discussion, the many informal connections and conversations that are so much harder when an event is held on zoom. The Forum offers an opportunity for academics and practitioners to meet and to encourage each other in the exploration of their Anabaptist faith.

We also had our first in person trustees' meeting last July, in London, and have decided to meet in person once a year, for one of our longer meetings, whilst maintaining the pattern of two long meetings and two short meetings each year. During the year, one trustee left, and two new ones joined the trustees, keeping our trustee body with a diverse range of expertise.

#### *Funding study of Anabaptism*

In 2022, we also funded two people to enable them to continue with their PhD Study.

We also continued to fund the library at the Centre for Anabaptist Studies in Bristol. Students doing Anabaptist related research use this library, and other students sometimes make use of it too.

#### *Support to partners*

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We continued to give support to some long term partners;

- We contributed to the work of the Anvil trust, which through its online programme, based on Anabaptist values, aims to help people explore questions of faith;
- We continued to fund for Alexandra Elish to work half a day a week for Urban Expression, an organisation which works in challenging situations;
- We continued to contribute some housing support for the Elders, working under the auspices of Urban Expression in a deprived area of Brighton.

In addition to this, pursuing the aim of making Anabaptism known, the trustees gave a further grant to the Mennonite World Conference as a contribution to the making of a third film about Anabaptism worldwide.



And finally, being very aware of the difficult situation in Ukraine, we gave donations via Dnipro Hope charity in their work with Mennonite churches in Ukraine who were supplying food and medicine to those in need due to the war.

### Objectives and Activities

We believe that the Anabaptist-Mennonite story offers a fresh and inspiring perspective to our contemporary society and has potential to inspire people to make new connections with the life of Jesus and his followers. The Anabaptist Mennonite Network exists to energise people in their search for truth and wholeness and equip them to live distinctively through the core Mennonite commitments to justice, peace-making, reconciliation and non-violence.

The main purpose of the network is to promote and embody an understanding of the Christian faith from a Mennonite or Anabaptist perspective in the UK and Ireland, and to resource people and organisations who are pursuing similar goals. It does so primarily by:

- providing a welcome to enquirers through the offering of hospitality and support, and enabling access to Christian resources, either through informal study or assistance with formal qualifications.
- offering logistical and financial support to other like-minded projects and organisations.
- maintaining traditional relationships with international Mennonite and Anabaptist networks, and seeking relationships with new partners working for similar objectives.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. A summary of these activities follows.

A portfolio of residential properties is managed and maintained, either being used directly to house people embarking upon local support projects or let out at commercial rates to generate funds to be used for the objectives of the charity.

Four internal projects are managed, each manifesting Anabaptist values in different ways and in different contexts. These are detailed in the following section.

A network of volunteer regional representatives is facilitated in order to ensure personal contact can always be offered to individuals connecting with the organisation, and those already exploring the Anabaptist tradition.

The AMN continues to support the development of the Centre for Anabaptist Studies at Bristol Baptist College, and the maintenance of an Anabaptist library there. This is open for anyone who wishes to participate in relevant study and reading, either through personal use of library, or participation in formal learning, for which the charity provides some bursary support.

Grants and funding are provided, where possible, to individuals and organisations who apply for them. As trustees, we consider each application on its own merits.

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### Achievements and Performance



Juliet writes:

During 2022 Peaceful Borders has continued to seek peace at the borders and support people on the move. We were able to sustain the work of our staff team of 4 part-time people and a team of dedicated volunteers.

#### *Kings Cross Drop-In*

In February we used previous experience of HopeTowns and the Folkestone drop-in to initiate a new drop-in for asylum-seekers in inadequate hostel accommodation in Kings Cross. We were pleased to partner with Kings Cross Baptist Church who leased us space for this. We worked in collaboration with Humans for Rights Network to provide support to people to get access to advice, information, medical assistance and legal help. Two other organisations, Art Refuge and Hear Me Out, came to provide therapeutic support. We were pleased to help build a team of volunteers at the church to work with asylum seekers and refugees.



#### *Pepperdine students*

We partnered with Pepperdine University to provide a placement for 3 students for 12 weeks to learn about the challenges of the British asylum system and assist with the PAP Project which involves writing pre-action protocol letters to local authorities or other authorities to provoke action on unjust situations.

#### *MMN family to Calais*



We continue to support the Maria Skobstova House in Calais and in August 2022 were delighted that a missionary family from Mennonite Mission Network were finally able to move to Calais to work with the house management and its residents. Joseph and Rachel Givens and their two children have settled in well and Simon Jones provides pastoral support as they navigate a complex context and seek to support people on the move and volunteers. They should be in Calais for 2 years.

#### *Erasmus student*

We had the opportunity to work with a student through the European Union's Erasmus programme. Emma McDonald is studying at the LCC International University in Lithuania and will join us to work in the Calais House from February 2023 for three months. Simon and Juliet will offer external supervision and support while Joseph and Rachel will offer line management when Emma is in the role of community building volunteer.

#### *Ramadan parcels*

During Ramadan 2022 our team were able to organise and deliver 250 Ramadan parcels to people in hotels to help them break their fast comfortably.

#### *Assistance*

Our team assisted people with many practical things such as applications to Universal Credit, registering for GPs and English classes, accessing medical care, opening bank accounts, studying for British Citizenship and learning how to complete many processes. They also helped people interpret letters they don't understand and

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also try and provide reassurance when people receive letters concerning potential deportations to Rwanda and the like.

### *Unaccompanied asylum-seeking children in hotels*

In 2022 we continued to work closely with Humans for Right Network in their efforts to help hundreds of unaccompanied children who have been wrongly age-assessed as adults and placed in adult hotels.

### *Campaigning*

We continue to support campaigns to challenge inhumane policies which seek to penalise people for seeking safety and advocate for the opening of safe and legal routes for asylum in the UK.

### *European Baptist Federation, Commission on Migration*

In September 2022 Juliet became Chair of the EBF Commission on Migration. In this voluntary role she has the opportunity to connect widely with baptists across Europe engaged with migration issues and help them to network and learn together. In November 2022 she had the opportunity to meet with baptists from Ukraine and their neighbouring countries to learn about the impact the conflict is having on them and hear the opportunities for supporting one another.



Lynsey writes:

The AMN Church Planting and Pioneering Initiative is seeking to support those who are currently or planning to be pioneering new missional communities drawing from the core convictions of AMN. Throughout 2022 Barney and Lynsey have been making connections with a number of individuals and groups across the UK, visiting where possible or speaking on Zoom, to offer support, advice and learn from the different contexts people are working in.

In March we ran the first weekend conference for pioneers, church planters and church leaders, looking at how the AMN core convictions might impact the way we grow and shape missional and church communities. Over 30 attended at the Woodbrooke Centre in Birmingham, with people representing a number of Christian traditions. Some who came had Anabaptist roots, such as Mennonites and the Brethren in Christ Church, as well as others from Anglican, Baptist, Scottish Network and Free Churches. There was also representation from some missional agencies with an interest in Anabaptism.



In the summer of 2022, AMN took over the running of the small charity Incarnate Network. Both the Incarnate Network and AMN boards felt that the values of these organisations were closely aligned and that a merger would suit both parties well. The AMN Church Planting and Pioneering initiative was then renamed 'Incarnate'. In both July and September we ran online Incarnate Gatherings, bringing together folks from across the network to encourage, stimulate and support one another. The theme of the September gathering explored being a non-anxious presence with Sian Murray-Williams, and there was a request for a follow up session on the same theme to take place in early 2023. These online gatherings have been received well and we have a growing number of people engaging.

We have also been a catalyst and support to a new church plant in Bristol called 'Soul Space'. We have walked

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with the community in developing their values and format. They are currently meeting monthly over a meal and have a strong social media presence.



In late November, we held an Incarnate Houseparty in Derbyshire. This annual event has been running for about 20 years, but this is the first time it was run under AMN. About 20 people met to explore the theme of 'Discovering Beauty in the Wastelands' with Ash and Angie Barker as our speakers. We left lots of space throughout the residential for people to connect, share their stories and learn from one another. One of the Houseparty participants writes: '...it was the most humorous and fulfilled time away I have had in a long time with people who just got each other's vision and dreams. In a very safe environment where vulnerabilities can be shared it was also full of spiritual and special moments.'



Karen writes:

It is hard to believe that Northern Ireland (in 2023) will mark 25 years of the Good Friday Agreement. We are thankful for the agreement that predominately brought an end to violence. However, the current political instability is palpable, and we are left in no doubt that there still remains a huge work to be continued regarding peace and reconciliation. Currently, our peace process feels fragile, and there are those who are not only disregarding the agreement, but who also threaten a return to violence. In fact, as I sit to pen these words, we are currently waiting to hear news regarding a potential new Northern Ireland protocol deal. The challenge for SoulSpace is to seek ways in our divided context in which to be peacemakers; to be voices of hope, grace, compassion, peace, and to figure out what it truly means to live as neighbours with the 'other.'

Our objectives are as follows:

- Offer and develop SoulSpace Community Chaplaincy
- Lead existing SoulSpace Community (journeying with people who feel they 'don't fit' in church; the spiritual wanderers/refugees)
- Promote peace and reconciliation through various projects (including tackling injustice)
- Develop partnerships with other peace and reconciliation hubs
- Champion Public Theology
- Train and support volunteers

In 2022, the following opportunities helped us to achieve our objectives:

- Increase in Pastoral Care/Chaplaincy as result of projects SoulSpace is involved in
- The set-up of a community prayer wall – great response
- Opportunities to mentor younger leaders (via Groundworks Leadership programme, Belfast & US Mennonites)
- Represent SoulSpace at US & UAE Embassy in Ireland / Jubilee Celebrations / City Hall /Conferences/NI Women's European platform to United Nations CSW re Religion and Gender/Podcasts etc

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- Inter-faith relationships – spending time/opportunity to speak with the Irish Muslim Council in Dublin re building a Nation of Neighbours & NI Interfaith Forum work
- Partnering with NW Migrants Forum tackling free movement barriers across CTA
- Karu (one of our volunteers) is helping with the Adult Disability Group at 174 Trust every Friday evening
- Invited to speak about Peace and Reconciliation (SoulSpace) to various student groups
- Involved in a Wednesday night community twitter space called 'Hear her voice' (re: everyday women's issues faced in NI)
- The honour to be part of AMN Steering group with the opportunity to attend gatherings and present a paper at the ATF, and to also share the work of SoulSpace
- Partnership with SoulSpace Bristol - I have found the support and friendship of Rachel, Lloyd and Sian invaluable. We will continue to seek ways to partner together both face-to-face and online.
- Partnerships with other peace and reconciliation hubs in UK and abroad
- Gordon has recently been appointed Director of ForthSpring Community Centre, and we wish him God's blessing in his new venture.
- I continue to have the honour of having the role as faith correspondent for Belfast Media and write a weekly faith column that is printed in Belfast papers and online.



Fran writes:

In 2022, the Anabaptist Theology Forum (ATF) continued to meet online and this gave us opportunity to engage with a wide group of people (geographically and in terms of networks), both those participating and those presenting. We had varied subjects, covering an Anabaptist reflecting on the quest for Anglican identity in England (David Porter), thoughts on what 'lead us not into temptation' means in the context of working with refugees on both sides of the English Channel (Simon Jones), and an exploration of Anabaptist imagination and midrash (Sally Longley).

We also co-operated with other groups in ways that were mutually beneficial. We partnered with the Centre for Baptist Studies at Regent's Park College to hear Malcolm Yarnell consider how contemporary Christians appropriate Anabaptist theology, and we hosted people from the Ekklesia network to hear from Doug Hynd about his book on Community Engagement After Christendom. In November, rather than compete for time and attention, we encouraged our network to support the annual lecture (available online) at the Centre for Anabaptist Studies, which this year featured Stuart Murray Williams and his work on Melchior Rinck.

While valuing these online events, in September 2022 we were able to return to a residential event, which had been the previous format for ATF meetings. Over two days at the Woodbrooke Centre, Selly Oak, Birmingham, seventeen people gathered for theological reflection, prayer, and bible study, and to engage together in relaxed conversation over meals. The participants consisted of a mix of former and first-time residential attendees, some of the latter having first attended events in the online programme. In addition to the renewing experience of meeting together, this format enabled us to explore subjects that are best considered in-person rather than online. We focused on three difficult and challenging concerns: what anabaptist ecclesiology can bring to working with those hurt by and disconnected from established congregations (Karen Sethuraman and Stuart Murray Williams); how the realities of the Russian-Ukrainian war challenge the assumed norm of absolute pacifism held by many Anabaptists today (Joshua Searle); and what we should do with the theology of John Howard Yoder in the light of his sexual violence (Fran Porter - her paper is now available in Anabaptism Today). Strands that ran

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through these conversations were brought together for our final session in which David McMillan reflected theologically on the notion of convictions, asking what this might offer to how we understand contemporary Anabaptism in the UK.

There was sufficient interest in each of these events to make them viable and certainly the online programme led to people attending their first ATF residential. Our choice to time the online events in the evening was to enable those with 'office-hours' working commitments to participate, with the hope of involving a younger demographic. Given venue availability and our current network demographic and their church responsibilities, we chose to keep the residential to a mid-week event, something we would revisit should it suit potential attendees. Our challenge remains how to maintain our focus as a theology forum, while at the same time broadening our appeal of engaging with anabaptist theology and scholarship to a new generation.

Under the auspices of the ATF, at the end of 2021, the steering group oversaw the setting up of a working group specifically to consider the pressing question of dealing with the theology of John Howard Yoder in the light of his sexual violence. The members of this 'Power and Authority Abused' working group are Fran Porter, Lloyd Pietersen, Ruth Gouldbourne and Stuart Murray Williams. The first contribution to emerge from this initiative is the aforementioned presentation and publication. Throughout 2022, in view of our contention that Yoder's theology itself needs to be examined in the light of his abuse, we have been focusing on rereading *The Politics of Jesus*, with the aim (in 2023) of producing a critical commentary on the book. Currently, resources to help with responding to the abuse committed by such a pivotal figure in Anabaptist theology are largely absent in the UK. While the working group's endeavours have wider implications (in the light of other prominent theological and ecclesiastical figures who are now known to have been abusive), our focus remains on Anabaptism and finding ways to help the necessary reflections and conversations that we are convinced are required for the integrity of Anabaptist theology.

## Anabaptism Today

This journal, usually published twice a year, is devoted to the investigation of contemporary issues from an Anabaptist perspective.

Only one issue of *Anabaptism Today* was published this year. This was because of the unexpected illness and death of the wife of the editor, Lloyd Pietersen. The editorial role was taken over temporarily by Stuart Murray Williams and, with help from colleagues, he was able to publish an issue in the autumn of 2022. Lloyd has subsequently experienced ill-health, so Stuart has continued to solicit articles and book reviews. But Lloyd hopes to be able to publish the next issue in April 2023.

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### Financial Review

The fund balance, excluding Revaluation Reserve, on 31 December 2022 is £3,228,535. This represents a decrease of £30 on the position at 31 January 2022. The organisation continues on a very stable financial footing. Investment income continued to rise as an additional property was added to the portfolio towards the end of the year. There have been some associated increases in property costs as we continue to catch up on maintenance and improvements delayed by the pandemic.

Void periods within the property portfolio continue to be minimal, despite the challenging economic environment. Rental demand remains high in the areas selected for investment, and the AMN continues to adhere to high standards as a fair and equitable landlord, often leading to longer term tenancies in non-student properties.

The policy of the AMN is to retain sufficient reserves (not including Restricted or Designated Funds) to cover six months of rental income from a high earning property. This is sufficient to cover any periods of time where the portfolio is being reconfigured.

The trustees plan to sell one property in 2023 and, together with Designated funds, invest in a larger house. This should further improve the levels of investment income obtained from the portfolio.

### Structure, Governance and Management

The charity was established by the trustees of the London Mennonite Trust (registered charity 227410) on 28th November 2017 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and constituted on the Foundation Model. Its purpose was to allow the unincorporated charity to continue its operations within an incorporated legal entity. Originally named 'The Mennonite Trust', the name of the CIO was subsequently changed to 'The Anabaptist Mennonite Network'.

Trustees are recruited from members of organisations or churches sympathetic to Anabaptist understandings of the Christian faith. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees. The trustees have reviewed, and will continue to review, the range of skills they bring to the charity to ensure it is appropriate in accordance with good corporate governance.

The trustees met formally four times during 2022, as well as communicating extensively by email between meetings. Other working groups of trustees and staff, which meet as required, have been established to advise the trustees or to work on specific activities as directed by the trustees.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the organisation is exposed, and are satisfied that systems appropriate to the scale and type of organization are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. The trustees have given continued close attention to the long term and short term strategy for the operations.

### Going concern

The trustees consider the organisation to be a going concern.

### Key risks and uncertainties

The charity is exposed to various risks - be they operational, financial or reputational. The trustees review the charity's activities regularly to identify significant risks and, where possible, they take appropriate measures to mitigate those risks.

### Responsibilities of trustees under charity law

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' annual report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Charity law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity as at the balance sheet date and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure, for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

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3. make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
4. state whether the applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
5. prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### **Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Linda Wilson (Chair)

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023

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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ANABAPTIST MENNONITE NETWORK

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 11 to 20 and have been prepared on the basis of the accounting policies set out on pages 13 to 14.

#### Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

#### Independent examiner's statement

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

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

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.

Sarah Crispin ACA  
Stewardship  
1 Lamb's Passage  
London  
EC1Y 8AB

Date: 8th August 2023

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

		2022			2021
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Total £
<b>Income</b>					
Donations and legacies	3	6,316	86,317	92,633	92,482
Charitable activities	4	3,137	-	3,137	-
Investments	5	142,690	-	142,690	134,007
Profit on disposal of fixed assets		-	-	-	267,243
Total income		<u>152,143</u>	<u>86,317</u>	<u>238,460</u>	<u>493,732</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Raising Funds	6	55,327	-	55,327	35,594
Charitable activities	7	104,436	78,727	183,163	152,471
Total expenditure		<u>159,763</u>	<u>78,727</u>	<u>238,490</u>	<u>188,065</u>
Net income / (expense)		<u>(7,620)</u>	<u>7,590</u>	<u>(30)</u>	<u>305,667</u>
Transfers between funds	13	7,925	(7,925)	-	-
<b>Other recognised gains</b>					
Gains on revaluation of investments		423,576	-	423,576	-
Net movement in funds		<u>423,881</u>	<u>(335)</u>	<u>423,546</u>	<u>305,667</u>
Total funds brought forward		3,143,111	85,454	3,228,565	2,922,898
Total funds carried forward	13	<u>3,566,992</u>	<u>85,119</u>	<u>3,652,111</u>	<u>3,228,565</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations

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## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

		2022		2021	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Investments	10		3,348,756		2,261,030
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	11	4,571		1,614	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>317,971</u>		<u>972,401</u>	
		<b>322,542</b>		<b>974,015</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	12	19,187		6,480	
Net current assets			<b>303,355</b>		967,535
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u><b>3,652,111</b></u>		<u><b>3,228,565</b></u>
<b>Fund Balances</b>	13				
Unrestricted funds					
General funds			2,939,526		3,113,706
Designated funds			203,890		29,405
Revaluation reserve			<u>423,576</u>		-
			<b>3,566,992</b>		<b>3,143,111</b>
Restricted funds			<b>85,119</b>		85,454
			<u><b>3,652,111</b></u>		<u><b>3,228,565</b></u>

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 15 July 2023 and were signed on their behalf by:

Linda Wilson (Chair)

The notes on page 13-20 form part of these accounts.

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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#### 1 Statutory Information

The charity is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission in England & Wales. The charity's registered number and principal address can be found on the Charity Information page.

#### 2 Accounting Policies

These financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis, under the historical cost convention.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the "Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) ("the Charities SORP"), with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland ("FRS 102") and with the Charities Act 2011. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity as set out in FRS 102.

The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 (the '2008 Regulations') requires charities to prepare their accounts in accordance with 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005' but this accounting standard has since been withdrawn and has been replaced by the Charities SORP mentioned in the preceding paragraph. The charity has prepared these financial statements in accordance with the new Charities SORP; this departure from the 2008 Regulations is believed to be necessary for these financial statements to give a 'true and fair view'.

The principles adopted in the preparation of the financial statements are set out below.

##### a) Going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the trustees have considered the charity's forecasts and projections and the possible implications should projected income and / or expenditure vary unexpectedly. The trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue to operate for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

##### b) Income

Income including investment income is recognised in the period in which the charity becomes entitled to receipt, the amount receivable can be measured with reasonable certainty, and receipt is probable. For the most part, income is generally recognised when it is received. Income is only deferred when the charity has to fulfil conditions before becoming entitled to it or where the donor has specified that the income is to be expended in a future period.

Investment income represents income generated by the charity's assets and includes income from letting the charity's property and bank interest.

Other income comprises gains arising from the disposal of investment assets.

##### c) Expenditure

Expenditure, including irrecoverable VAT, is recognised when it is incurred or, if earlier, when a legal or constructive obligation for a payment arises provided that it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The charity makes grants to other institutions and individuals to further its charitable objectives. Grants payable are recognised as constructive obligations arise, which is generally when the charity expresses a commitment to the recipient that can be measured reliably and then only to the extent that any conditions associated with the grant are outside of the control of the charity.

Expenditure on raising funds comprises the costs incurred on managing and maintaining the investment properties.

Governance costs, which are included in expenditure on charitable activities but are identified separately in the notes to the accounts, includes costs associated with the independent examination of the financial statements, compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements and any other expenditure incurred on

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the strategic management of the charity.

### **d) Fund accounting**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

### **e) Investments**

Fixed asset investments are held to generate income and for their investment potential. Current asset investments are investments that are held specifically for sale or are investments that the charity expects to sell by the next balance sheet date.

Fixed asset investment properties are stated at fair value. Recently purchased properties are stated at cost, after which local estate agents are consulted for advice on current market value.

### **f) Pensions**

The charity operates defined contribution pension schemes for its employees. Obligations for contributions to these schemes are recognised as an expense when the liability arises. The assets of these schemes are held separately from those of the charity in independently administered funds.

### **g) Taxation**

The charity has taken advantage of the various reliefs from taxation available to charities and no tax is payable on the charity's income.

### **h) Financial instruments**

The charity's financial assets and financial liabilities all qualify as basic financial instruments, as defined by FRS102. Except for loans, creditors and debtors are measured at their expected settlement value (normally the amount of cash that the charity expects to pay or receive). The charity recognises liabilities for the principal of those loans that remains outstanding at the year end (i.e. the liabilities exclude any interest chargeable on the loans in future years).

### **i) Exemption from preparing a cashflow statement**

The charity has taken advantage of an exemption conferred by the Charities SORP and has not prepared a cash flow statement.

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>3 Donations and legacies</b>				
Donations and gifts	6,126	4,767	10,893	3,817
Gift Aid	190	-	190	200
Grants received	-	79,451	79,451	88,465
Other	-	2,099	2,099	-
	<u>6,316</u>	<u>86,317</u>	<u>92,633</u>	<u>92,482</u>

No material unrestricted income.

A full analysis of restricted income is given in note 13.

No government grants were received.

### 4 Income from charitable activities

Event income	<u>3,137</u>	-	<u>3,137</u>	<u>-</u>
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### 5 Investment income

Interest income	2,805	-	2,805	56
Rental income	139,885	-	139,885	133,951
	<u>142,690</u>	-	<u>142,690</u>	<u>134,007</u>

### 6 Expenditure on raising funds

Property Professional Fees	33,714	-	33,714	22,601
Property Repairs/Renewals	17,019	-	17,019	9,751
Property Tax & Insurance	2,536	-	2,536	2,743
Property Utilities	2,058	-	2,058	499
	<u>55,327</u>	-	<u>55,327</u>	<u>35,594</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>7 Expenditure on charitable activities</b>				
Staff costs (note 8)	66,426	24,903	91,329	65,957
Grant making (note 9)	13,637	5,748	19,385	37,854
Staff Travel & Subsistence	2,706	8,270	10,976	9,113
Additional staff & support	6,548	26,432	32,980	29,767
Trustee Travel & Subsistence	2,549	-	2,549	95
General Admin & Subs	2,320	12	2,332	2,234
Event costs	6,357	4,823	11,180	-
Direct assistance	85	8,539	8,624	4,589
Bank interest & charges	739	-	739	204
Legal & professional fees	1,539	-	1,539	1,630
Stationary & office costs	678	-	678	239
Insurance	852	-	852	789
	<u>104,436</u>	<u>78,727</u>	<u>183,163</u>	<u>152,471</u>

£1,500 was paid for the examination of the Accounts (Prior year: £1,500).

### 8 Staff costs

Salaries and wages	62,485	24,197	86,682	62,893
Social security costs	-	-	-	-
Pension costs	3,941	706	4,647	3,064
	<u>66,426</u>	<u>24,903</u>	<u>91,329</u>	<u>65,957</u>

The average monthly number of employees during the year was 6 (2021: 6).

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

Pension costs are paid to an externally run Defined Contribution scheme (NEST).

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>9 Grantmaking</b>				
SoulSpace	-	-	-	25,717
Ukraine churches	3,400	-	3,400	-
Urban Expression	3,250	-	3,250	3,250
Anvil Trust	3,500	-	3,500	3,500
Films	1,987	-	1,987	-
Mennonite Library	500	-	500	579
Study Bursaries	-	5,748	5,748	3,010
Others	1,000	-	1,000	1,798
	<b>13,637</b>	<b>5,748</b>	<b>19,385</b>	<b>37,854</b>

### Material Grants to institutions

- SoulSpace – a cross-community peace building and church planting initiative in Belfast which is aligning itself with Anabaptist values.
- Ukraine churches – funds given to Dnipro Hope Mission to support Mennonite churches in Ukraine and their response to the humanitarian crisis there.
- Urban Expression – an organisation supporting community work and gatherings in marginalised communities, with shared Anabaptist values.
- Anvil Trust – an initiative with Mennonite and Anabaptist roots who are facilitating new forms of meeting together and producing contemporary material.

### Grants to individuals

- Study Bursaries – amounts paid to students undertaking education on courses with recognised Mennonite and Anabaptist content.

### Acting as agent

During the year the charity received £3,908 on behalf of SoulSpace Bristol. This income is received as agent for this charity and the income is excluded from the Statement of Financial Activities. At the year-end £3,479 had not been distributed and is recognised as a creditor.

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<b>10 Investment Assets - Properties</b>	<b>Land and Buildings £</b>
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 January 2022	2,261,030
Additions	664,150
Gains on revaluation	423,576
Disposals	-
<b>At 31 December 2022</b>	<b><u>3,348,756</u></b>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 January 2022 and At 31 December 2022	-
<b>Net Book Value</b>	
<b>At 31 December 2022</b>	<b><u><u>3,348,756</u></u></b>
At 31 December 2021	<u>2,261,030</u>

These investments consist of 6 (Prior year: 5) residential properties which are rented to provide income or used to provide short-term housing for charity projects.

There are no restrictions on realising the investments or receiving income and disposal proceeds.

<b>11 Debtors and Prepayments</b>	<b>2022 £</b>	<b>2021 £</b>
Trade Debtors	<b>1,400</b>	286
Prepayments and accrued income	<b><u>3,171</u></b>	<u>1,328</u>
	<b><u><u>4,571</u></u></b>	<u><u>1,614</u></u>

## **12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

Other Creditors	<b>4,005</b>	2,164
Taxation and social security	<b>2,379</b>	1,606
Accruals and deferred income	<b><u>12,803</u></b>	<u>2,710</u>
	<b><u><u>19,187</u></u></b>	<u><u>6,480</u></u>

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13 Funds	Balance at 31 Dec 2021 £	Income £	Expense £	Transfers £	Gains £	Balance at 31 Dec 2022 £
During the year the movements in the charity's funds were as follows:						
<i>Designated Funds</i>						
Property purchases	-	130,000	-	-	-	130,000
Mission Housing	-	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
Grants and bursaries	23,905	-	(8,440)	-	-	15,465
Peace-making initiatives	-	-	(1,000)	7,925	-	6,925
Other	5,500	1,500	(5,500)	-	-	1,500
	29,405	181,500	(14,940)	7,925	-	203,890
Revaluation reserve	-	-	-	-	423,576	423,576
General Unrestricted	3,113,706	(29,357)	(144,823)	-	-	2,939,526
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>3,143,111</b>	<b>152,143</b>	<b>(159,763)</b>	<b>7,925</b>	<b>423,576</b>	<b>3,566,992</b>
<i>Restricted Funds</i>						
CPT UK	7,895	30	-	(7,925)	-	-
Alan Kreider Legacy	10,278	-	(5,748)	-	-	4,530
Witness Project	38,146	43,000	(44,179)	-	-	36,967
Peaceful Borders	4,554	24,626	(11,084)	-	-	18,096
Hopetowns	20,682	-	(15,715)	-	-	4,967
South African Bursaries	3,899	4,410	-	-	-	8,309
Incarinate	-	2,099	(2,001)	-	-	98
SoulSpace	-	12,152	-	-	-	12,152
	85,454	86,317	(78,727)	(7,925)	-	85,119
<b>Aggregate of funds</b>	<b>3,228,565</b>	<b>238,460</b>	<b>(238,490)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>423,576</b>	<b>3,652,111</b>

#### Analysis of net assets by fund

	Unrestricted Funds				Restricted £	Total £
	General £	Designated £	Revaluation £			
Tangible fixed assets	2,925,180	-	423,576	-	-	3,348,756
Debtors	4,571	-	-	-	-	4,571
Cash at bank	23,310	203,890	-	90,771	-	317,971
Creditors: within one year	(13,535)	-	-	(5,652)	-	(19,187)
	2,939,526	203,890	423,576	85,119	-	3,652,111

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#### Designated Fund Notes

Future property purchases – amount set aside for future additions to the investment portfolio, to be spent when a suitable property is identified. If insufficient funds exist, then this will only occur when an existing property is sold to increase the amount available for investment.

Mission Housing investment – a specific investment identified for actioning in 2023.

Grants and bursaries – multi-year awards that the AMN has indicated will be paid over the next few years.

Peace-making initiatives – set aside for use on projects whose main activity is peace-making.

#### Restricted Fund Notes

CPT UK – Christian Peacemaker Teams is an international organisation, with the work in this country organised as a project of the AMN. Activity ceased this year and the remaining funds were transferred to a designated fund allocated for peace-making work.

Alan Kreider Legacy Fund – following the death of Alan Kreider in 2017, a fund bearing his name was established to support study in specified fields and international exchange visits.

Witness Project (was Project Pause) – a project, launched with Humans for Rights Network, with the aim of collecting stories and evidence from refugees and asylum seekers in the UK. It now focusses on bearing witness to the plights of those people and offering practical assistance.

Peaceful Borders – a project that supports refugees and asylum seekers on entry into the UK.

Hopetowns – a project, linked to Peaceful Borders, that hosts regular social and learning gatherings in London for refugees and asylum seekers.

South African Bursaries – operating alongside the Alan Kreider Legacy Fund (above) to provide study bursaries for Anabaptist-related studies, this fund exists to encourage Mennonites from South Africa to undertake UK-based courses.

SoulSpace – having made unrestricted grants to this organisation previously (see note 9), this project has now been moved within the charity and restricted funds accepted for its operation.

## 15 Transactions with trustees and related parties

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with this charity or a related entity.

The charity engaged the services of Atkinson Roe Architects to provide consultancy and management services in relation to the property portfolio. Helen Roe, a trustee, undertook this work and received a total of £21,045 (Prior period: £22,842) in fees. This arrangement is governed by a service agreement that stipulates normal commercial terms and was agreed by all trustees prior to the engagement. Payment is based on detailed itemised invoices which the trustees must approve before submission. There were no amounts outstanding at the period end.

Trustee expenses are included in note 7. The number of trustees reimbursed for expenses was 6 (Prior period: 1).

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England & Wales - Charity number 1175973

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## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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### Trustees

Tim Foley  
Linda Wilson  
Andrew Potter  
Helen Roe  
Joshua Searle  
Dumisani Ncube  
Patience Zikhali

### Charity number

1175973

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### Independent Examiners

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# THE ANABAPTIST MENNONITE NETWORK

## TRUSTEES REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ANABAPTIST MENNONITE NETWORK

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The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2021.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the SORP (FRS 102) 2015, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

#### Introduction

The global pandemic made 2021 a particularly challenging year for the AMN. Whilst our income, being based on rents from properties, was largely unaffected, our activities had to be adjusted to the situation. The trustees rose to the challenge, and continued to focus on the priorities that we had identified, using virtual meetings and other means to stay connected and to enable our work to flourish.

An aspect of that flourishing has been a movement away from the AMN being primarily a body which gives grants to groups and individuals to an organisation which operates projects, but also gives some grants. At the end of 2021 the AMN had two main projects: Peaceful Borders and a new Church Planting initiative. Peaceful Borders adapted its work of supporting refugees to the new reality, and the new initiative, starting in a time of Covid with two part-time employees, made many connections, laying foundations for when the country emerged from lockdown.

AMN also supported the Anabaptist Theology Forum (ATF), enabling the continuation of regular online seminars. UK and maintained strong links with the Centre for Anabaptist Studies based in Bristol. The AMN also maintains a network of study groups. Some of these moved to meeting online, whilst others paused their activities or met outside when weather allowed. A new study group, entirely online, was started during the pandemic and was well supported, meeting every six weeks.

#### Objectives and Activities

We believe that the Anabaptist-Mennonite story offers a fresh and inspiring perspective to our contemporary society and has potential to inspire people to make new connections with the life of Jesus and his followers. The Anabaptist Mennonite Network exists to energise people in their search for truth and wholeness and equip them to live distinctively through the core Mennonite commitments to justice, peace-making, reconciliation and non-violence.

The main purpose of the network is to promote and embody an understanding of the Christian faith from a Mennonite or Anabaptist perspective in the UK and Ireland, and to resource people and organisations who are pursuing similar goals. It does so primarily by:

- providing a welcome to enquirers through the offering of hospitality and support, and enabling access to Christian resources, either through informal study or assistance with formal qualifications.
- offering logistical and financial support to other like-minded projects and organisations.
- maintaining traditional relationships with international Mennonite and Anabaptist networks, and seeking relationships with new partners working for similar objectives.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. A summary of these activities follows.

A portfolio of residential properties is managed and maintained, either being used directly to house people embarking upon local support projects or let out at commercial rates to generate funds to be used for the objectives of the charity.

A network of volunteer regional representatives is facilitated in order to ensure personal contact can always be offered to individuals connecting with the organisation, and those already exploring the Anabaptist tradition.

The AMN continues to support the development of the Centre for Anabaptist Studies at Bristol Baptist College, and the maintenance of an Anabaptist library there. This is open for anyone who wishes to participate in relevant study and reading, either through personal use of library, or participation in formal learning, for which the charity provides some bursary support.

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Grants and funding are provided, where possible, to individuals and organisations who apply for them. As trustees, we consider each application on its own merits.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

The Centre for Anabaptist Studies has continued to offer MA modules in block weeks at Bristol Baptist College, using online teaching. Four courses ran in 2021 with between 4 and 6 students on each course. Several students are studying under the auspices of the Centre and the AMN has provided bursaries for a number of these students during the period. By the end of 2021 there were also three research students at the Centre, two PhD students and one MTh student. Permission was also given during 2021 to take the courses completely online, thus opening up opportunities for more individuals to study with the Centre. CAS also holds an annual lecture in November, which this year was given by Dr Lloyd Pietersen.

The AMN employs a part-time worker to develop Peaceful Borders, an initiative responding to the needs of refugees in France and the UK. When it was not possible to gather during the lockdown, support was given to families through the distribution of food parcels and advice offered over the phone. Project Pause continued to monitor and record the experiences of refugees and asylum seekers in UK accommodation, working alongside Humans for Rights Network.

Financial support was provided to Urban Expression, a pioneering mission agency, and to Soul Space, a community-based peace and reconciliation project in Belfast. Subsidised housing was provided to Simply in Exeter, another community-based project initiating various support groups in the locality.

The AMN has also developed its connection with the Anabaptist Theology Forum, which has continued to operate online during 2021, organising sessions roughly once a month with presentations on a variety of relevant topics. Although there are limitations in not being physically present, these sessions have been well attended and well received. AMN has provided administrative support for the Forum and has advertised events on the AMN website.

During 2021, the AMN Church Planting initiative has continued to develop. Interviews were held in March for two roles each for a day a week, as coaches/catalysts facilitating the exploration of new churches with an Anabaptist identity and to contribute to discussions with existing churches. Two individuals were appointed, one based in the south west and the second with a wider brief. They have been liaising with existing churches and developing new conversations and connections, overseen by a steering group. The trustees feel that this change of focus is a timely development with some exciting possibilities for the encouragement of the expression of Anabaptist values.

Regarding our property portfolio, during the period one property was made available to a family who are working with their local community in various support capacities. The AMN's remaining properties were rented out at market rates for the full period, maximising income for the fulfilment of the organisation's objectives.

#### **Financial Review**

The fund balance on 31 December 2021 is £3,228,565. This represents an increase of £305,667 on the position at 31 January 2021. After the removing the profit on property disposals of £267,243, the underlying movement is an increase of £38,424. This can be attributed reasonably equally between an increase in Restricted Funds due to grants exceeding spending, and improvements in the property portfolio investment returns.

Despite the ongoing challenging context of Covid-19, void periods within the property portfolio were minimal and this led to an increase in rental income. Property repairs and renewals were less than usual due to ongoing access restrictions, and also the sale of properties that had the highest maintenance demands.

The current policy of the AMN is to retain £100,000 as reserves to fund a year of running costs should income decline for any reason. The trustees are aware that, as has been the case for several years, the current cash reserves remain in excess of this level. This surplus capital has been earmarked for the purchase of an additional investment property. During this year £514,606 was spent purchasing another house, however the net cash position actually increased as several other properties were sold in the period.

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These sales were initiated as a result of a detailed review of the property portfolio that identified some of the poorer performing houses, and the conclusion to replace them with more modern houses with a higher rate of return and improved environmental performance. It remains the intention to invest this surplus in further properties, but suitable prospects have not been identified. Towards the end of the year, the trustees agreed to relax some of the requirements in order to ensure that purchases occurred during 2022.

#### Structure, Governance and Management

The charity was established by the trustees of the London Mennonite Trust (registered charity 227410) on 28th November 2017 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and constituted on the Foundation Model. Its purpose was to allow the unincorporated charity to continue its operations within an incorporated legal entity. Originally named 'The Mennonite Trust', the name of the CIO was subsequently changed to 'The Anabaptist Mennonite Network'.

Trustees are recruited from members of organisations or churches sympathetic to Anabaptist understandings of the Christian faith. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees. The trustees have reviewed, and will continue to review, the range of skills they bring to the charity to ensure it is appropriate in accordance with good corporate governance.

The trustees met formally four times during 2021, as well as communicating extensively by email between meetings. Other working groups of trustees and staff, which meet as required, have been established to advise the trustees or to work on specific activities as directed by the trustees.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the organisation is exposed, and are satisfied that systems appropriate to the scale and type of organization are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. The trustees have given continued close attention to the long term and short term strategy for the operations.

#### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name: The Anabaptist Mennonite Network

Charity Registration No: 1175973

Charity's principal address: Lytchett House, 13 Freeland Park Wareham Road, Poole, BH16 6FA

The trustees who served during the year were:

Tim Foley

Linda Wilson

Andrew Potter

Helen Roe

Joshua Searle

Dumisani Ncube

Chris Horton (resigned 11 Nov 2021)

Patience Zikhali (appointed 1 Mar 2021)

No funds are held as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

The organisation has not claimed any exemptions from disclosure requirements.



Linda Wilson (Chair)

On behalf of the board of trustees, 9 July 2022

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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ANABAPTIST MENNONITE NETWORK

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 5 to 12

#### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

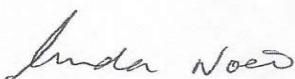
#### **Independent examiner's statement**

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

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

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.



Linda Noel FCA

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9 July 2022

# THE ANABAPTIST MENNONITE NETWORK

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £	Total £	2020 Total £
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	2,225	90,257	92,482	96,084
Charitable activities	3	-	-	-	-
Investments	4	134,007	-	134,007	122,632
Profit on disposal of fixed assets		267,243	-	267,243	-
Total Incoming Resources		<b>403,475</b>	<b>90,257</b>	<b>493,732</b>	218,716
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
Raising Funds	5	35,594	-	35,594	49,016
Charitable activities	6	79,876	72,595	152,471	110,974
Total resources expended		<b>115,470</b>	<b>72,595</b>	<b>188,065</b>	159,990
Net movement in funds		<b>288,005</b>	<b>17,662</b>	<b>305,667</b>	58,726
Total funds brought forward		<b>2,855,106</b>	<b>67,792</b>	<b>2,922,898</b>	2,864,172
Total funds carried forward		<b>3,143,111</b>	<b>85,454</b>	<b>3,228,565</b>	2,922,898

# THE ANABAPTIST MENNONITE NETWORK


## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

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		2021		2020	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>					
Investments	9		2,261,030		2,241,442
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Debtors	10	1,614		9,191	
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>972,401</u>		<u>677,085</u>	
		<b>974,015</b>		<b>686,276</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	11	6,480		4,820	
Net current assets			<b>967,535</b>		<b>681,456</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u><b>3,228,565</b></u>		<u><b>2,922,898</b></u>
<b>Funds of the Charity</b>					
Restricted funds	12		<b>85,454</b>		<b>67,792</b>
Unrestricted funds			<b>3,143,111</b>		<b>2,855,106</b>
			<u><b>3,228,565</b></u>		<u><b>2,922,898</b></u>

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 9 July 2022.



Linda Wilson (Chair)

# THE ANABAPTIST MENNONITE NETWORK

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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#### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. 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 (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical convention (modified to include certain items at fair value). The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

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

#### 1.2 Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

#### 1.3 Resources expended

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity. Certain overhead costs are allocated to particular activities in proportion to the activity's estimated usage of those costs.

Governance costs of the charity relate to the costs of running the charity such as the costs of Independent Examination of the accounts, trustee meetings and statutory compliance.

#### 1.4 Investments

Fixed assets investment properties are stated at cost. The trustees are confident that the market value of all properties exceeds their stated cost, and therefore depreciation is not necessary.

#### 1.5 Pensions

The organisation pays into a defined contribution pension scheme on behalf of three employees. Contributions are charged in the accounts as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

#### 1.6 Accumulated funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the charity that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the charity. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the trustees are also unrestricted.

# THE ANABAPTIST MENNONITE NETWORK

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>2 Donations and legacies</b>				
Donations and gifts	2,025	1,792	3,817	20,713
Gift Aid	200	-	200	235
Grants received	-	88,465	88,465	65,869
Other	-	-	-	9,267
	<u>2,225</u>	<u>90,257</u>	<u>92,482</u>	<u>96,084</u>

No material unrestricted income.

A full analysis of restricted income is given in note 12.

No government grants were received.

### 3 Charitable activities

Event income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
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### 4 Investments

Interest income	56	-	56	44
Rental income	133,951	-	133,951	122,588
	<u>134,007</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>134,007</u>	<u>122,632</u>

### 5 Expenditure on raising funds

Property Professional Fees	22,601	-	22,601	28,573
Property Repairs/Renewals	9,751	-	9,751	16,928
Property Tax & Insurance	2,743	-	2,743	3,001
Property Utilities	499	-	499	514
	<u>35,594</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,594</u>	<u>49,016</u>

# THE ANABAPTIST MENNONITE NETWORK

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>6 Expenditure on charitable activities</b>				
Staff costs (note 7)	43,428	22,529	65,957	55,121
Grant making (note 8)	24,127	13,727	37,854	18,442
Staff Travel & Subsistence	2,926	6,188	9,114	3,984
Additional staff & support	4,027	25,740	29,767	18,313
Trustee Travel & Subsistence	95	-	95	652
General Admin & Subs	1,736	498	2,234	1,616
Event costs	-	-	-	3,819
Direct assistance	847	3,742	4,589	-
Bank interest & charges	196	7	203	55
Legal & professional fees	1,630	-	1,630	7,008
Stationary & office costs	75	164	239	1,312
Insurance	789	-	789	652
	<b>79,876</b>	<b>72,595</b>	<b>152,471</b>	<b>110,974</b>

£1,500 was paid for the examination of the Accounts (Prior year: £1,500).

### 7 Staff costs

Salaries and wages	40,970	21,923	62,893	52,652
Social security costs	-	-	-	-
Pension costs	2,458	606	3,064	2,469
	<b>43,428</b>	<b>22,529</b>	<b>65,957</b>	<b>55,121</b>

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

Pension costs are paid to an externally run Defined Contribution scheme (NEST).

Average head count in the year	Full time	Part time	Total 2021	Total 2020
Charitable activities	2	1	3	3
Governance	1	-	1	1

# THE ANABAPTIST MENNONITE NETWORK

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
<b>8 Grantmaking</b>				
Soulspace	15,000	10,717	25,717	10,000
Urban Expression	3,250		3,250	-
Anvil Trust	3,500		3,500	-
Covid			-	1,400
Mennonite Library	579		579	450
Study Bursaries		3,010	3,010	4,792
Others	1,798		1,798	1,800
			-	
	<b>24,127</b>	<b>13,727</b>	<b>37,854</b>	<b>18,442</b>

### Material Grants to institutions

- Soulspace - a cross-community peace building and church planting initiative in Belfast which is aligning itself with Anabaptist values.
- Urban Expression – an organisation supporting community work and gatherings in marginalised communities, with shared Anabaptist values.
- Anvil Trust – an initiative with Mennonite and Anabaptist roots who are facilitating new forms of meeting together and producing contemporary material.

### 9 Investment Assets - Properties

	Land and Buildings £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 January 2021	2,241,442
Additions	514,606
Disposals	(495,018)
<b>At 31 December 2021</b>	<b>2,261,030</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 January 2021 and At 31 December 2021	-
<b>Net Book Value</b>	
<b>At 31 December 2021</b>	<b>2,261,030</b>
At 31 December 2020	2,241,442

These investments consist of 5 (Prior year: 8) residential properties which are rented to provide income or used to provide short-term housing for charity projects.

There are no restrictions on realising the investments or receiving income and disposal proceeds.

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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	2021	2020
	£	£
<b>10 Debtors and Prepayments</b>		
Trade Debtors	286	7,541
Mortgages and loans	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	1,328	1,650
	<u>1,614</u>	<u>9,191</u>

### 11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Trade Creditors	3,770	3,220
Accruals	2,710	1,600
	<u>6,480</u>	<u>4,820</u>

	Balance at 31 Dec 2020	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Balance at 31 Dec 2021
	£	£	£	£
<b>12 Restricted Funds</b>				
CPT UK	7,774	121	-	7,895
Alan Kreider Legacy Fund	11,439	1,449	(2,610)	10,278
Project Pause	31,599	45,000	(38,453)	38,146
Peaceful Borders	10,595	1,671	(7,712)	4,554
Hopetowns	6,385	27,000	(12,703)	20,682
South African Bursaries	-	4,299	(400)	3,899
SoulSpace	-	10,717	(10,717)	-
	<u>67,792</u>	<u>90,257</u>	<u>(72,595)</u>	<u>85,454</u>

### Fund Notes

CPT UK – Christian Peacemaker Teams is an international organisation, with the work in this country organised as a project of the AMN.

Alan Kreider Legacy Fund – following the death of Alan Kreider in 2017, a fund bearing his name was established to support study in specified fields and international exchange visits.

Project Pause – a project, launched with Humans for Rights Network, with the aim of collecting stories and evidence from refugees and asylum seekers in the UK.

Peaceful Borders – a project that supports refugees and asylum seekers on entry into the UK.

Hopetowns – a project, linked to Peaceful Borders, that hosts regular social and learning gatherings in London for refugees and asylum seekers.

South African Bursaries – operating alongside the Alan Kreider Legacy Fund (above) to provide study bursaries for Anabaptist-related studies, this fund exists to encourage Mennonites from South Africa to undertake UK-based courses.

SoulSpace – as well as making unrestricted grants to this organisation (see note 8), restricted funds were also utilised.

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### **13 Transactions with trustees and related parties**

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with this charity or a related entity.

The charity engaged the services of Atkinson Roe Architects to provide consultancy and management services in relation to the property portfolio. Helen Roe, a trustee, undertook this work and received a total of £22,842 (Prior period: £17,065) in fees. This arrangement is governed by a service agreement that stipulates normal commercial terms and was agreed by all trustees prior to the engagement. Payment is based on detailed itemised invoices which the trustees must approve before submission. There were no amounts outstanding at the period end.

Trustee expenses are included in note 6. The number of trustees reimbursed for expenses was 1 (Prior period: 4).

**The Anabaptist Mennonite Network**

England & Wales - Charity number 1175973

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**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020**

# THE ANABAPTIST MENNONITE NETWORK

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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**Trustees**

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Linda Wilson  
Andrew Potter  
Helen Roe  
Joshua Searle  
Dumisani Ncube  
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1175973

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# THE ANABAPTIST MENNONITE NETWORK

## TRUSTEES REPORT

### *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020*

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The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2020.

On the 31 January 2020 all the assets and liabilities of the London Mennonite Trust (registered charity 227410) were transferred to the Anabaptist Mennonite Network. All operations continued and there were no changes in staff, trustees, or beneficiaries. Prior to the transfer there were no assets, liabilities, or financial transactions of any kind, in the Anabaptist Mennonite Network.

The nature of the transfer allows for merger accounting, and therefore the comparatives used are those of the London Mennonite Trust's thirteen-month period to 31 January 2020. These represent the assets and liabilities at the date of the merger and therefore no further analysis is needed.

Although the Anabaptist Mennonite Network is reporting for the year ended 31 December 2020, it should be noted that, due to the date of the merger, this represents only eleven months of financial activity.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and the SORP (FRS 102) 2015, Accounting and Reporting by Charities.

#### **Objectives and Activities**

We believe that the Anabaptist-Mennonite story offers a fresh and inspiring perspective to our contemporary society and has potential to inspire people to make new connections with the life of Jesus and his followers. The Anabaptist Mennonite Network exists to energise people in their search for truth and wholeness and equip them to live distinctively through the core Mennonite commitments to justice, peace-making, reconciliation and non-violence.

The main purpose of the network is to promote and embody an understanding of the Christian faith from a Mennonite or Anabaptist perspective in the UK and Ireland, and to resource people and organisations who are pursuing similar goals. It does so primarily by:

- providing a welcome to enquirers through the offering of hospitality and support, and enabling access to Christian resources, either through informal study or assistance with formal qualifications.
- offering logistical and financial support to other like-minded projects and organisations.
- maintaining traditional relationships with international Mennonite and Anabaptist networks, and seeking relationships with new partners working for similar objectives.

The trustees have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit in deciding what activities the charity should undertake. A summary of these activities follows.

A portfolio of residential properties is managed and maintained, either being used directly to house people embarking upon local support projects or let out at commercial rates to generate funds to be used for the objectives of the charity.

A network of volunteer regional representatives is facilitated in order to ensure personal contact can always be offered to individuals connecting with the organisation, and those already exploring the Anabaptist tradition.

The AMN continues to support the development of the Centre for Anabaptist Studies at Bristol Baptist College, and the maintenance of an Anabaptist library there. This is open for anyone who wishes to participate in relevant study and reading, either through personal use of library, or participation in formal learning, for which the charity provides some bursary support.

Grants and funding are provided, where possible, to individuals and organisations who apply for them. As trustees, we consider each application on its own merits.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

The circumstances in 2020 have been particularly challenging, but nevertheless the trustees have continued to focus on the priorities we have identified for the AMN in pursuit of our main purposes.

The Centre for Anabaptist Studies has continued to offer MA modules in block weeks at Bristol Baptist College,

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## TRUSTEES REPORT

### *FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020*

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using online teaching. Several students are studying under the auspices of the Centre and the AMN has provided bursaries for a number of these students during the period.

The AMN employs a part-time worker to develop Peaceful Borders, an initiative responding to the needs of refugees in France and the UK, including a new project, Hopetowns, in London. When it was not possible to gather during the lockdown, support was given to families through Hopetowns. During the summer, when it was possible, some events were held, where, with appropriate social distancing, refugees could gather and socialise. A new project, Project Pause, concerned with recording the experiences of refugees and asylum seekers, was launched together with Humans for Rights Network.

Financial support was provided to Urban Expression, a pioneering mission agency, and to two community projects - Soulspace in Belfast and Simply in Exeter.

The AMN has also developed its connection with the Anabaptist Theology Forum, which has been meeting online, providing some administrative support for the Forum and advertising events on the AMN website.

During 2020, the AMN began to develop a new initiative, aimed at resourcing churches which want to develop more explicitly Anabaptist characteristics. A residential weekend was held early in the year to explore this. Following the weekend two strands have developed: firstly, ongoing discussions with existing churches and secondly, facilitating the development of new churches with an Anabaptist identity.

Regarding our property portfolio, during the period one property was made available to a family who are working with their local community in various support capacities. The AMN's remaining properties were rented out at market rates for the full period, (with the exception of one property which was vacant for a few months at the start of 2020), maximising income for the fulfilment of the organisation's objectives.

#### **Financial Review**

The fund balance on 31 December 2020 is £2,922,898. This represents an increase of £58,726 on the position at 31 January 2020. After the prior year one-off profit on property disposal of £39,838 is accounted for, the movement is a actually £98,564. This is largely down to significant grants received in the period (see Note 2).

Despite the challenging context, void periods within the property portfolio were minimal and this led to an increase in investment income (when adjusted for accounting period length). Property repairs and renewals were slightly higher as more work become possible over the summer months, but general spend remains on the low side due to property access restrictions.

The current policy of the AMN is to retain £100,000 as reserves to fund a year of running costs should income decline for any reason. The trustees are aware that the current cash reserves remain in excess of this level. It had been the intention to invest this surplus capital in another property during 2020 but, despite several attempts, a suitable property was not found. The number of prospects coming to market has been reduced by the pandemic, and the trustees are optimistic that investment will occur during 2021.

Towards the end of 2020, the trustees began a detailed review of the property portfolio and decided to sell some of the poorer performing houses and replace them with more modern houses with a higher rate of return. This will also improve the environmental performance of the portfolio and better prepare it for the future. It is expected that these sales and purchases will occur during 2021.

#### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The charity was established by the trustees of the London Mennonite Trust (registered charity 227410) on 28th November 2017 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and constituted on the Foundation Model. Its purpose was to allow the unincorporated charity to continue its operations within an incorporated legal entity. Originally named 'The Mennonite Trust', the name of the CIO was subsequently changed to 'The Anabaptist Mennonite Network'.

After a longer than expected delay, all operations and assets from the London Mennonite Trust were merged into this CIO on 31 January 2020 and the trust closed.

On 30 June 2020 the Anabaptist Mennonite Network received the assets and liabilities of the Anabaptist Network

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Trust (registered charity 1021760). Both parties agreed that the activity of the two organisations had been increasingly complementary and that the objectives of each would be best served by merging. The financial effect was a cash transfer of £9,266 to the Anabaptist Mennonite Network, classified as other income (see Note 2). There were no changes to trustees or staff.

Trustees are recruited from members of organisations or churches sympathetic to Anabaptist understandings of the Christian faith. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees. The trustees have reviewed, and will continue to review, the range of skills they bring to the charity to ensure it is appropriate in accordance with good corporate governance.

The trustees met formally four times during 2020, as well as communicating extensively by email between meetings. Other working groups of trustees and staff, which meet as required, have been established to advise the trustees or to work on specific activities as directed by the trustees.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the organisation is exposed, and are satisfied that systems appropriate to the scale and type of organization are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks. The trustees have given continued close attention to the long term and short term strategy for the operations.

#### Reference and Administrative details

Charity name: The Anabaptist Mennonite Network

Charity Registration No: 1175973

Charity's principal address: Unit 13929, PO Box 7169, Poole, BH15 9EL

The trustees who served during the year were:

Tim Foley	
Diane Stitt Melchert	(resigned 21 Nov 2020)
Stuart Murray Williams	(resigned 21 Nov 2020)
Linda Wilson	
Andrew Potter	
Helen Roe	
Joshua Searle	
Dumisani Ncube	(appointed 9 Sep 2020)
Chris Horton	(appointed 20 Nov 2020)

No funds are held as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

The organisation has not claimed any exemptions from disclosure requirements.



On behalf of the board of trustees

9 July 2021

Linda Wilson

Trustee

# THE ANABAPTIST MENNONITE NETWORK

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ANABAPTIST MENNONITE NETWORK

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I report on the accounts of the network for the year ended 31 December 2020, which are set out on pages 4 to 12.

#### **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:

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

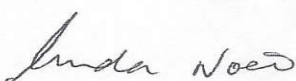
#### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

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:

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



**Linda Noel**  
**Noel and Co Chartered Accountants**

9 July 2021

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# THE ANABAPTIST MENNONITE NETWORK

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total Jan 2020 £
<b>Incoming resources</b>					
Donations and legacies	2	11,119	84,965	96,084	45,174
Charitable activities	3	-	-	-	460
Investments	4	122,632	-	122,632	130,907
Profit on disposal of fixed asset		-	-	-	39,838
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>133,751</b>	<b>84,965</b>	<b>218,716</b>	216,379
<b>Resources expended</b>					
Raising Funds	5	49,016	-	49,016	46,907
Charitable activities	6	65,900	45,074	110,974	143,847
<b>Total resources expended</b>		<b>114,916</b>	<b>45,074</b>	<b>159,990</b>	190,754
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>18,835</b>	<b>39,891</b>	<b>58,726</b>	25,625
Fund balances at 31 January 2020		2,836,271	27,901	2,864,172	2,838,547
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2020</b>		<b>2,855,106</b>	<b>67,792</b>	<b>2,922,898</b>	2,864,172

# THE ANABAPTIST MENNONITE NETWORK

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

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		2020		Jan 2020	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Investments	9		2,241,442		2,241,442
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	10	9,191		225,516	
Cash at bank and in hand		677,085		399,866	
		<u>686,276</u>		<u>625,382</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	11	<u>4,820</u>		<u>2,652</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>			<u>681,456</u>		<u>622,730</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>2,922,898</u>		<u>2,864,172</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	12		67,792		27,901
Unrestricted funds			<u>2,855,106</u>		<u>2,836,171</u>
			<u>2,922,898</u>		<u>2,864,172</u>

The accounts were approved by the trustees on 9 July 2021.



Linda Wilson  
**Trustee**

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## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (CONTINUED)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

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#### 1.1 Basis of preparation

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. 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 (FRS102) issued on 16 July 2014 (as updated through Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS102), the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The charity has applied Update Bulletin 1 as published on 2 February 2016 and does not include a cash flow statement on the grounds that it is applying FRS 102 Section 1A.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical convention (modified to include certain items at fair value). The financial statements are presented in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest pound.

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

#### 1.2 Incoming resources

Donations, legacies and other forms of voluntary income are recognised as incoming resources when receivable, except insofar as they are incapable of financial measurement.

#### 1.3 Resources expended

Resources expended are recognised in the period in which they are incurred. Resources expended include attributable VAT which cannot be recovered.

Resources expended are allocated to the particular activity where the cost relates directly to that activity. Certain overhead costs are allocated to particular activities in proportion to the activity's estimated usage of those costs.

Governance costs of the charity relate to the costs of running the charity such as the costs of Independent Examination of the accounts, trustee meetings and statutory compliance.

#### 1.4 Investments

Fixed assets investment properties are stated at cost. The trustees are confident that the market value of all properties exceeds their stated cost, and therefore depreciation is not necessary.

#### 1.5 Pensions

The organisation pays into a defined contribution pension scheme on behalf of three employees. Contributions are charged in the accounts as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

#### 1.6 Accumulated funds

Unrestricted funds represent the funds of the charity that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the charity. Funds designated for a particular purpose by the trustees are also unrestricted.

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### 2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total Jan 2020 £
Donations and gifts	1,617	19,096	20,713	15,347
Gift Aid	235	-	235	65
Grants received	-	65,869	65,869	29,762
Other	9,267	-	9,267	-
	<u>11,119</u>	<u>84,965</u>	<u>96,084</u>	<u>45,174</u>

Material items of unrestricted income included a £50,000 grant received from SHED (SUSTAINABILITY. HEALTH. ENVIRONMENT. DEVELOPMENT. - registered charity 1185591) to begin a new initiative, Project Pause, to be run by Network staff. SHED also provided a £10,000 grant for the continuing work of Peaceful Borders.

The Wood Green Mennonite Church Trust (registered charity 1058376) provided a grant of £9,375 for the Alan Kreider Legacy Fund.

A full analysis of restricted income is given in note 12.

Other income was a one-off cash transfer received from the Anabaptist Network Trust on its merger with the Anabaptist Mennonite Network.

No government grants were received.

### 3 Charitable activities

Event income	-	-	-	460
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### 4 Investments

Interest income	44	-	44	-
Rental income	122,588	-	122,588	130,907
	<u>122,632</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>122,632</u>	<u>130,907</u>

### 5 Expenditure on raising funds

Property Professional Fees	28,573	-	28,573	25,950
Property Repairs/renewals	16,928	-	16,928	13,802
Property Tax & Insurance	3,001	-	3,001	4,301
Property Utilities	514	-	514	2,854
	<u>49,016</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>49,016</u>	<u>46,907</u>

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#### 6 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total Jan 2020 £
Staff costs (note 7)	42,329	12,792	55,121	85,974
Grant making (note 8)	12,275	6,167	18,442	26,474
Staff travel & subsistence	1,550	2,434	3,984	9,212
Additional staff & support	1,044	17,269	18,313	1,298
Trustee travel & subsistence	652	-	652	4,011
General admin & subscriptions	1,573	43	1,616	1,986
Event costs	1,970	1,849	3,819	9,678
Bank interest & charges	55	-	55	145
Legal & professional fees	3,108	3,900	7,008	3,152
Stationary & office costs	692	620	1,312	1,150
Insurance	652	-	652	767
	<b>65,900</b>	<b>45,074</b>	<b>110,974</b>	<b>143,847</b>

£1,500 was paid for the examination of the Accounts (Prior year: £1,700).

#### 7 Staff costs

Salaries & wages	40,277	12,375	52,652	81,207
Social security costs	-	-	-	1,177
Pension costs	2,052	417	2,469	3,590
	<b>42,329</b>	<b>12,792</b>	<b>55,121</b>	<b>85,974</b>

No employees received employee benefits (excluding employer pension costs) for the reporting period of more than £60,000.

Pension costs are paid to an externally run Defined Contribution scheme (NEST).

Average head count in the period	Full time	Part time	Total 2020	Total Jan 2020
Charitable activities	-	3	3	4
Governance	-	1	1	1

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### 8 Grantmaking

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total 2020 £	Total Jan 2020 £
SoulSpace	10,000	-	10,000	10,000
Urban Expression	-	-	-	6,000
Simply	-	-	-	7,500
Mennonite Library	450	-	450	150
Study Bursaries	825	3,967	4,792	2,824
Others	600	1,200	1,800	-
	<u>12,275</u>	<u>6,167</u>	<u>18,442</u>	<u>26,474</u>

#### Material Grants to institutions

- SoulSpace - to support a cross-community peacemaking and church planting initiative in Belfast which has Anabaptist values.
- Urban Expression - to support that agency's work in marginalised communities in recognition of the Anabaptist values shared between Urban Expression and the AMN.
- Simply - to support the development of a regional expression of Anabaptist church and community in the south-west of England.

### 9 Investment assets - Properties

	Land and Buildings £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 February 2020	2,241,442
Additions	-
Disposals	-
<b>At 31 December 2020</b>	<u>2,241,442</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>	
At 1 February 2020 and 31 December 2020	-
<b>Net Book Value</b>	
<b>At 31 December 2020</b>	<u>2,241,442</u>
At 31 January 2020	<u>2,241,442</u>

These investments consist of 8 (Prior year: 8) residential properties which are rented to provide income or used to provide short-term housing for charity projects.

There are no restrictions on realising the investments or receiving income and disposal proceeds.

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#### 10 Debtors and Prepayments

	2020 £	Jan 2020 £
Trade Debtors	7,541	65
Mortgages & loans	-	225,326
Prepayments & accrued income	1,650	125
	<u>9,191</u>	<u>225,516</u>

Prior period: Included in Mortgages and Loans is £224,212 due from Anthony Collins solicitors in relation to proceeds from a property sale.

#### 11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	Jan 2020 £
Accruals	<u>4,820</u>	<u>2,652</u>

#### 12 Restricted Funds

	Balance at 1 Feb 2020 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 31 Dec 2020 £
CPT UK	7,665	110	(1)	7,774
CAS Bursary Fund	534		(534)	-
Alan Kreider Legacy Fund	5,496	9,375	(3,432)	11,439
Project Pause	-	50,000	(18,401)	31,599
Peaceful Borders	167	19,927	(9,499)	10,595
Hopetowns	13,952	5,553	(13,120)	6,385
Anabaptist Theological Forum	87		(87)	-
	<u>27,901</u>	<u>84,965</u>	<u>(45,074)</u>	<u>67,792</u>

#### Fund Notes

CPT UK – Christian Peacemaker Teams is an international organisation, with the work in this country organised as a project of the AMN.

Alan Kreider Legacy Fund – following the death of Alan Kreider in 2017, a fund bearing his name was established to support study in specified fields and international exchange visits.

Project Pause – a project, launched with Humans for Rights Network, with the aim of collecting stories and evidence from refugees and asylum seekers in the UK.

Peaceful Borders – a project that supports refugees and asylum seekers on entry into the UK.

Hopetowns – a project, linked to Peaceful Borders, that hosts regular social and learning gatherings in London for refugees and asylum seekers.

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#### **13 Transactions with trustees and related parties**

None of the trustees have been paid any remuneration or received any other benefits from an employment with this charity or a related entity.

During the period, two trustees made donations to the charity. One trustee made donations of £1,564.40, and another trustee donations of £110.

The charity engaged the services of Atkinson Roe Architects to provide consultancy and management services in relation to the property portfolio. Helen Roe, a trustee, undertook this work and received a total of £17,065 (Prior period: £9,789) in fees. This arrangement is governed by a service agreement that stipulates normal commercial terms and was agreed by all trustees prior to the engagement. Payment is based on detailed itemised invoices which the trustees must approve before submission. There were no amounts outstanding at the period end.

Trustee expenses are included in note 6. The number of trustees reimbursed for expenses was 4 (Prior period: 7).