

THE ANABAPTIST MENNONITE NETWORK
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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TRUSTEES REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ANABAPTIST MENNONITE NETWORK

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

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.

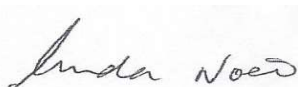
Independent examiner's statement

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.



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9 July 2022

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

			2021		2020
	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Total £
Incoming resources					
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		403,475	90,257	493,732	218,716
Resources Expended					
Raising Funds	5	35,594	-	35,594	49,016
Charitable activities	6	79,876	72,595	152,471	110,974
Total resources expended		115,470	72,595	188,065	159,990
Net movement in funds		288,005	17,662	305,667	58,726
Total funds brought forward		2,855,106	67,792	2,922,898	2,864,172
Total funds carried forward		3,143,111	85,454	3,228,565	2,922,898


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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

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

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



Linda Wilson (Chair)

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

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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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
2 Donations and legacies				
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
	2,225	90,257	92,482	96,084

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	-	-	-	-
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4 Investments

Interest income	56	-	56	44
Rental income	133,951	-	133,951	122,588
	134,007	-	134,007	122,632

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
	35,594	-	35,594	49,016

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
6 Expenditure on charitable activities				
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
	79,876	72,595	152,471	110,974

£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
	43,428	22,529	65,957	55,121

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

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	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
8 Grantmaking				
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
			-	
	24,127	13,727	37,854	18,442

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 £
Cost	
At 1 January 2021	2,241,442
Additions	514,606
Disposals	(495,018)
At 31 December 2021	2,261,030
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2021 and At 31 December 2021	-
Net Book Value	
At 31 December 2021	2,261,030
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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	2021 £	2020 £
10 Debtors and Prepayments		
Trade Debtors	286	7,541
Mortgages and loans	-	-
Prepayments and accrued income	1,328	1,650
	1,614	9,191

11 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

Trade Creditors	3,770	3,220
Accruals	2,710	1,600
	6,480	4,820

	Balance at 31 Dec 2020 £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Balance at 31 Dec 2021 £
12 Restricted Funds				
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)	-
	67,792	90,257	(72,595)	85,454

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).