

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

England & Wales · Charity number 1178592

Details

Other names FACE

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2018-05-31

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: (1) TO PROVIDE FOR THE RELIEF OF POVERTY AND SICKNESS TO PEOPLE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE HORN OF AFRICA AND INDIA AND SURROUNDING TERRITORIES, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY THE PROVISION OF GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT LIMITED TO THOSE UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE EASTERN CHURCHES;(2) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE HORN OF AFRICA AND INDIA AND SURROUNDING TERRITORIES, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY THE PROVISION OF GRANTS TO PLACES OF LEARNING, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY TO THOSE UNDER THE PATRONAGE OF THE EASTERN CHURCHES;(3) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE HORN OF AFRICA AND INDIA, FOR THE PUBLIC BENEFIT BY SUPPORTING AND PROMOTING THE EASTERN CHURCHES, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY IN PLACES WHERE CHRISTIANS ARE SUFFERING FROM PERSECUTION, OPPRESSION OR DISCRIMINATION.(4) TO PROMOTE KNOWLEDGE, MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING, TOLERANCE AND RESPECT BETWEEN PERSONS OF DIFFERENT FAITHS IN THE MIDDLE EAST, THE HORN OF AFRICA AND INDIA AND SURROUNDING TERRITORIES, BY FACILITATING ECUMENICAL AND INTERRELIGIOUS RELATIONS; AND(5) TO ADVANCE THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC IN THE UNITED KINGDOM BY THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION AND THE PROVISION OF EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES WHICH PROMOTE A GREATER AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF THE EASTERN CHURCHES, AND WHICH STRENGTHEN PASTORAL BONDS BETWEEN EASTERN AND WESTERN CHRISTIANS.?

Activities: FACE supports Eastern Christians, in particular those who suffer discrimination or persecution in the Middle East, through locally organised projects that enable them: to remain in their homelands; to maintain their homes, schools, churches & hospitals; to create employment opportunities; to promote interreligious dialogue; and to be mediators and peacemakers in their multi-faith communities.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Other Finance, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Bulgaria
- Cyprus
- Egypt
- Eritrea
- Estonia
- Ethiopia
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- India
- Iraq
- Israel
- Italy
- Jordan
- Lebanon
- Romania
- Syria
- Turkey
- Ukraine

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-04-05	£27,374	£13,489	-	-
2024-04-05	£130,900	£110,242	-	-
2023-04-05	£89,662	£89,820	-	-
2022-04-05	£280,231	£215,548	-	-
2021-04-05	£262,477	£156,659	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Christopher Sayer MA, FCA		2019-07-03
Dr Robert Philip Pelham Gibbons		2023-12-04
John Adam Fox		2018-05-31
Martin Lupton MBBS, MA		2018-05-31

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Accounts

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

(also known by its acronym as FACE)

(Registered Charity No: 1178592)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

5 APRIL 2025

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

REGISTERED NAME	Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East
TRADING NAME	FACE
TRUSTEES	Mr John Fox (Chair of Trustees) Dr Robert Gibbons Mr Martin Lupton Mr Christopher Sayer Dame Rachel de Souza (resigned : 27 May 2025)
PRINCIPAL OFFICE	FACE Charity Judge Sykes Frixou Queen's House 55 Lincoln's Inn Fields London WC2A 3LJ
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	CIO constitution registered 31 May 2018, and amended by resolution dated 12 July 2021, in accordance with Charity Commission consent granted on 02 July 2021
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1178592
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Olayinka Tomori ACA, DChA Longmeade Consult Ltd The Old Rectory Springhead Road Northfleet, Kent DA11 8HN
BANKERS	NatWest Bank Strand PO Box 414 38 Strand London WC2H 5JB
SOLICITORS	Mr Timothy O'Callaghan (solicitor) Judge Sykes Frixou Queen's House 55 Lincoln's Inn Fields London WC2A 3LJ

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

The trustees present their report and the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5th April 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (Second Edition effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (also known as FACE) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), incorporated under a CIO constitution registered with the Charity Commission on 31 May 2018. The charity is governed by a board of trustees.

Appointment of Trustees

The trustees, who are appointed on a 3-year renewable mandate, have the power to appoint and remove trustees by resolution.

Management

The Board of Trustees holds four quarterly meetings per year, in addition to which the trustees meet as required to manage the affairs of the charity.

CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

The objects of the charity are:

- (1) To provide for the relief of poverty and sickness to people in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India and surrounding territories, for the public benefit by the provision of grants to local organisations, in particular but not limited to those under the patronage of the Eastern Churches.
- (2) To advance education in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India and surrounding territories, for the public benefit by the provision of grants to places of learning, in particular but not exclusively to those under the patronage of the Eastern Churches.
- (3) To advance the Christian religion in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India, for the public benefit by supporting and promoting the Eastern Churches, in particular but not exclusively in places where Christians are suffering from persecution, oppression or discrimination.
- (4) To promote knowledge, mutual understanding, tolerance and respect between persons of different faiths in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India and surrounding territories, by facilitating ecumenical and interreligious relations.
- (5) To advance the education of the public in the United Kingdom by the dissemination of information and the provision of educational resources which promote a greater awareness and understanding of the Eastern Churches, and which strengthen pastoral bonds between Eastern and Western Christians.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

PRIME GOVERNANCE

In the seventh year of operation, the focus of the trustees has been on continuing to develop close working partnerships with the Eastern Catholic patriarchates and eparchies and with complementary institutions and organisations. Set out below is a summary of how the charity is operating.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

MISSION

Our Mission Statement

Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (FACE) helps communities in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India to free themselves from a life of poverty and inequality. FACE aims to foster sustainable development and bring lasting change to the communities it serves, through its projects in education, healthcare, pastoral support and inter-religious dialogue,

Our Aim

Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (FACE) enables people of all faiths and none in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India to free themselves from a life of poverty, inequality and injustice.

FACE has particular concern to help Eastern Christians to remain in their biblical homelands where Christianity was born and first spread. FACE strives to preserve the heritage of the Eastern Churches so that they remain a living testament to the roots, legitimacy and beneficence of the Christian presence in Arabic, African, Asian and European society, and continue to be mediators of peace and goodwill in their multi-faith communities. FACE's work benefits the multi-faith communities in which Eastern Christians live.

FACE believes in the sanctity of life; in the dignity of the individual; in the right of each individual to liberty, equality, justice and well-being; and in the protection of the Earth's resources.

Who are the Eastern Christians?

There remain less than 25 million Eastern Christians living in the Middle East and surrounding region, though their number continues to diminish as they are forced into exile. Those that remain are invariably treated as second-class citizens and face discrimination, inequality, injustice and poverty. For Western Christians, they provide a direct link to the Early Church, leading us to the roots of Christianity and showing us, through their tradition and witness, a living faith in Christ. Despite their precarious status in not being fully-fledged citizens in their own lands, they have found a role as mediators in Arab society, guaranteeing peace in a fragile socio-political system and making an important economic contribution through professional activity.

Our values

- FACE is a Christian charity which is inspired by the Word of God, Catholic Social Teaching and the traditions of the Catholic Church.
- FACE lives out Christ's message of love through devotion and humble service to Eastern Christians, as well as to others of all faiths and none.
- FACE believes in the power of prayer to guide and strengthen its mission; to express solidarity with those who suffer because of their devotion to Christ and his Church; and to grow pastoral bonds between Western and Eastern Christians.
- FACE believes in the sanctity of life; in human life as a gift from God; in the dignity of the individual; in the right of each individual to liberty, equality, justice and well-being; in reverence for Nature; and in the protection of the Earth's resources.
- FACE believes in the freedom of belief, thought, expression of every person, not only as individuals but also as members of a community.
- FACE believes that the protection of places of worship is a duty for all.
- FACE, in serving Eastern Christians, supports the multi-faith communities in which the Eastern Christians live - to the benefit of all, regardless of race or creed.
- FACE strives for an end to poverty through education, healthcare and welfare support.
- FACE promotes unity and reconciliation in the Middle East.
- FACE strives to enable and strengthen ecumenical and interreligious relations, as well as to build peaceful and harmonious community relations.
- FACE is inspired by the courage and devotion of Eastern Christians, who remain loyal to Christ in the face of oppression and persecution, by their Christian witness to the love of God and neighbour, their trust in Divine Providence, their embrace of peace and goodwill between all peoples, and their perseverance in Hope.

What we do

- FACE delivers grant aid to projects in education, healthcare, pastoral support and interreligious dialogue, across the Middle East, the Horn of Africa, India and Southeast Europe.
- FACE offers moral, pastoral and material support to the Eastern Catholic missions and chaplaincies in the UK.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

MISSION (continued)

Our charitable activities

FACE's principal concern and responsibility is to support those who suffer from discrimination, poverty, injustice and inequality by means of:

- HUMANITARIAN AID through funding rapid response emergency relief;
- EDUCATION through funding nursery, primary and secondary schools, professional training, and universities;
- HEALTHCARE through funding health centres, dispensaries, hospitals, care and retirement homes;
- PASTORAL SUPPORT through funding the formation of the religious; the training of catechists and lay ministers; the welfare of priests in need, particularly those for whom no healthcare or elderly care system exists;
- INTERRELIGIOUS RELATIONS through funding schools, universities, dispensaries, hospitals and community centres which are accessible to all, regardless of faith and ethnicity.

Our projects

FACE's projects enable Eastern Christians:

- to rebuild their homes and communities
- to educate their children
- to create employment opportunities
- to secure the maintenance of their churches, schools, hospitals and care homes
- to promote ecumenical and interreligious relations
- to be peacemakers in their multi-faith communities
- to strengthen their pastoral bonds with Western Christians.

How we do it?

- FACE gives financial support to projects in education, healthcare, pastoral support, and humanitarian aid, which are organised by the local Christian communities, dioceses, parishes and religious congregations.
- FACE devotes itself and all its resources exclusively to supporting such projects.
- FACE works in close partnership with the patriarchs, major metropolitans, bishops and religious of the Eastern Churches, to fulfil the projects.

Who benefits from FACE's activities?

Christians of the Eastern Churches in the Middle East, North Africa, the Horn of Africa, India and South-eastern Europe, as well as those of all faiths and none who co-exist in their multi-faith communities.

How do they benefit?

The Christian communities, as well as those of other faiths who are living in proximity, benefit directly from the social, pastoral, educational and healthcare services which flow from the projects.

What is the unfulfilled need?

The unfulfilled need in Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iraq, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria and Ukraine is the restoration of peace, reconciliation, and the rebuilding of community life in the towns and villages, as well as justice, integrated citizenship and equality for all.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY

The charity fundraises through grants from trusts, individual giving, and Gift Aid.

The charity does not engage in cold-calling, door to door or street fundraising. No complaints about fundraising activities have been received. However, if a complaint were to be received, we would undertake to resolve it promptly and would envisage that there would never be any need for any complaint to escalate to the stage of referral to the regulator.

The trustees adhere to the standards of the Fundraising Code of Practice.

The trustees are of the opinion that the charity's overall fundraising performance was conducted fully in accordance with the above principles. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of all those who have given to the work of the charity.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

In the previous financial year to 5th April 2024, FACE completed two main projects at the St Louis Hospital, Jerusalem and the Rosary Sisters School in Gaza at a total expenditure of £110 k. In the financial year to 5th April 2025, no projects were undertaken due to a sharp fall in fundraising income. Running costs were nonetheless incurred in order to maintain the continuation of the charity's mission and administration. This expenditure included costs for such items as office rental, information technology, communications, public relations and travel, but also included the costs of planning future projects, most notably the construction of a pastoral centre in Kurdistan, which will appear in the trustees' report and accounts of the subsequent financial year ending 5th April 2026 (see future activities below, in section "Plans for the future" on page 6)

TRUSTEE ACTIVITY

- During the financial year, the trustees held four trustees' quarterly meetings, in addition to regular Zoom meetings to deal with interim or high-priority matters; the Resources sub-committee held regular Zoom and WhatsApp meetings; and the chair of trustees was in regular Zoom and telephone contact with the trustees and sub-committee members.
- The trustees held their annual Mass for FACE's trustees, volunteers and donors, at Allen Hall Seminary, Chelsea, on 6th December 2024, for which the principal celebrant was Cardinal Fitzgerald and the preacher Canon Dr Robert Gibbons. The Mass was followed by dinner at which His Grace Hovakim Manukyan, Primate of the Armenian Apostolic Church in the UK and Ireland, was guest of honour and speaker. His Beatitude Cardinal Louis Sako, Patriarch of the Chaldeans, and His Beatitude Youssef Absi, Patriarch of Antioch of the Melkite Church, sent official messages in appreciation of the mission of FACE.

EXECUTIVE ACTIVITY

Throughout the financial year, administration, communications, public relations, fundraising and the maintenance of information technology, accounting and data systems, and social media, were carried out by a well-trained team of volunteers.

**FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

There was an increase in income compared with the last year. During the year, the charity generated income of £27.4k (2024: £130.9k) mainly consisting of grants and donations.

Grants amounting to £17k were to support FACE's infrastructure and core costs.

Donations of £6.6k included:

- £2.1k – to Holy Land Fund (Lent Appeal)
- £0.6k – other restricted funds
- £2.8k – unrestricted individual giving
- £0.8k – unrestricted Gift Aid

Interest income of £2.0k was earned from bank balances held by the charity.

Expenditure fell from £110.2k to £13.5k. Due to the relatively low-level income, no charitable donations were made (2024: £97.3k). Virtually all costs in the year were support costs for the day-to-day running of the charity.

The year ended with a surplus of £13.9k (2024: £20.7k). Closing reserves of £214.4k comprised of unrestricted funds of £136.4k and restricted funds of £78.0k.

RESERVES POLICY

By the end of the year, the charity's net assets stood at £214.4k. Of this sum, £136.4k was held as "free" or unrestricted funds. Ongoing events and unrest in the Middle East have restricted the extent of the activities of the charity. However, the trustees are aware that these events will place a demand on the charity for support in future, and they have kept this in mind in building reserves. As a result, their target for "free" reserves once the Core Costs Fund has been utilised is currently set at £120k. The charity held restricted funds at the year-end of £78.0k.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

It is the intention of the trustees to expand the work of the charity along the lines set out in the Activities section of this report (above) and to expand the voluntary team.

FACE has plans to construct a pastoral centre in the Eparchy of Zakho, Kurdistan, for which FACE has already raised over £100k. The new building will provide a community centre, classrooms and offices for the Christian community, not least for the catechism school, youth clubs, neo-catechumenal groups, church choirs and parish receptions after church services, thereby enabling the diocese to nurture and educate the youth of the region in the Christian faith.

FACE is planning and preparing the pastoral visit to the UK of His Beatitude Youssef Absi, Patriarch of Antioch, and head of the Melkite Church. The 8-day visit will take place in June 2025 and include various meetings with church leaders in London, Birmingham, Oxford and Cambridge, as well as liturgies with Melkite communities and University chaplaincies.

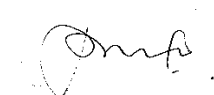
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare for each financial year financial statements which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the year end. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Adopt the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for ensuring proper accounting records are kept which 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 charity's constitution and the disclosure regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of error, fraud and other irregularities.

Signed as authorised on behalf of the Trustees on 10th January 2026 by:



John Fox
Chair of trustees

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2025 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 Trust 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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14th January 2026

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £ (see Note 8)
INCOME from					
<i>Donations and Legacies:</i>					
Grants receivable	1	17,000	-	17,000	111,027
Donations		3,962	2,654	6,616	15,021
<i>Other Trading Activities:</i>					
Events		1,545	-	1,545	2,025
Other income		256	-	256	-
Bank interest		1,957	-	1,957	2,827
Total income		<u>24,720</u>	<u>2,654</u>	<u>27,374</u>	<u>130,900</u>
EXPENDITURE on					
Charitable activities	2	900	12,589	13,489	110,242
Total expenditure		<u>900</u>	<u>12,589</u>	<u>13,489</u>	<u>110,242</u>
Net movement in funds before transfers		23,820	(9,935)	13,885	20,658
Transfers between Funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in Funds		23,820	(9,935)	13,885	20,658
Reconciliation of Funds					
Funds brought forward		<u>112,567</u>	<u>87,995</u>	<u>200,562</u>	<u>179,904</u>
Funds carried forward		<u>136,387</u>	<u>78,060</u>	<u>214,447</u>	<u>200,562</u>

All recognised gains and losses in the current year are included in the income and expenditure account.

All operations are continuing activities.

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 5 APRIL 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		217,504	203,974
		<u>217,504</u>	<u>203,974</u>
			203,974
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	(3,057)	(3,412)
		<u>(3,057)</u>	<u>(3,412)</u>
			200,562
NET CURRENT ASSETS AND NET ASSETS		<u>£214,447</u>	<u>£200,562</u>
		<u>£214,447</u>	<u>£200,562</u>
FUNDS AND RESERVES			
Unrestricted – General Fund		136,387	112,567
Restricted funds	7	78,060	87,995
		<u>£214,447</u>	<u>£200,562</u>
		<u>£214,447</u>	<u>£200,562</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 10th January 2026 and signed on their behalf by:



John Fox

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST
PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

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

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared for the year to 5 April 2025 with comparative information provided in respect to the year to 5 April 2024.

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 (FRS 102) (Second Edition effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.
The accounts are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Preparation of the accounts may require the Trustees to make significant judgements and estimates.

The Trustees consider that there were no such key areas in the accounts where these judgements and estimates have had to be made.

Assessment of going concern

The Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these accounts. The Trustees have made this assessment in respect to a period of one year from the date of approval of these accounts.

The Trustees of the Charity have concluded that there are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees are of the opinion that the charity will have sufficient resources to meet its liabilities as they fall due. Any significant areas of judgement that affect items in the accounts are detailed above. With regard to the next accounting period, the year ending 5 April 2025, the Trustees consider that there are no significant areas that affect the carrying value of the assets held by the Charity.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the net movement in funds.

Income recognition

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity has entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Income comprises grants, donations, investment income and other income. Donations are recognised when the charity has confirmation of both the amount and settlement date. In the event of donations pledged but not received, the amount is accrued for where the receipt is considered probable. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

In accordance with the Charities SORP FRS 102 volunteer time is not recognised.

Legacies are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the legacy, the executors have established that there are sufficient surplus assets in the estate to pay the legacy, and any conditions attached to the legacy are within the control of the charity.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST
PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure comprises direct costs and support costs. All expenses, including support costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. The classification between activities is as follows:

- ◆ Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure associated with raising funds for the charity.
- ◆ Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs associated with furthering the charitable purposes of the Charity through the provision of its charitable activities. Such costs include charitable grants and donations, direct and support costs in respect of the operations of the charity.

Charitable grants and donations are made where the Trustees consider there is real need following a review of the details of each particular case and comprise single year payments rather than multi-year grants.

Grants payable are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when approved and when the intended recipient has either received the funds or been informed of the decision to make the grant and has satisfied all performance conditions. Grants approved but not paid at the end of the financial year are accrued. Grants where the beneficiary has not been informed or has to fulfil performance conditions before the grant is released are not accrued for but are disclosed as financial commitments in the notes to the accounts.

All expenditure is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Support costs represent indirect charitable expenditure. In order to carry out the primary purposes of the charity it is necessary to provide support in the form of personnel and administrative functions.

Tangible fixed assets

Any assets costing more than £2,000 and with an expected useful life exceeding one year are capitalised.

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at their settlement amount, less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid. They are discounted to the present value of the future cash receipt where such discounting is material.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents such accounts and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition. Deposits for more than three months but less than one year have been disclosed as short-term deposits. Cash placed on deposit for more than one year is disclosed as a fixed asset investment.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash payment where such discounting is material.

Fund structure

General or Unrestricted Funds represent those monies which are freely available for application towards achieving any charitable purpose that falls within the Charity's charitable objects. Restricted Funds comprise monies raised for, or their use restricted to a specific purpose by means of donor-imposed conditions.

Pension schemes

A defined contribution scheme is available for Staff. Contributions in respect of the defined contribution pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities when they are payable to the scheme. The Charity's contributions are limited to the contributions disclosed in note 4. There were no outstanding contributions at the year end. The Charity has no liability beyond making its contributions and paying across the deductions for the employees' contributions.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

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YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

1. GRANTS RECEIVABLE	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
St Louis Hospital, Jerusalem, Holy Land	-	-	-	99,000
For FACE's projects in Holy Land	-	-	-	2,027
For FACE's core costs	17,000	-	17,000	10,000
	<u>£17,000</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£17,000</u>	<u>£111,027</u>
Prior Year 2024				
Grants Receivable	<u>£10,000</u>	<u>£101,027</u>	<u>£111,027</u>	
2. EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Charitable activities				
Charitable project - Grants				
St Louis Hospital, Jerusalem, Holy Land	-	-	-	86,847
Rosary Sisters School, Gaza, Holy Land	-	-	-	10,483
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>97,330</u>
Direct costs				
Staff Costs	-	-	-	1,311
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,311</u>
Support costs				
Telephone, Postage and Stationery	-	323	323	396
Rent	-	2,962	2,962	2,817
Travel expenses	-	2,516	2,516	806
Equipment, IT, Website and Software	-	4,289	4,289	3,803
Events	-	2,106	2,106	1,866
Other Expenses	-	393	393	653
Governance costs				
Independent Examiner's fee	900	-	900	1,260
	<u>900</u>	<u>12,589</u>	<u>13,489</u>	<u>11,601</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>£900</u>	<u>£12,589</u>	<u>£13,489</u>	<u>£110,242</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

2024 Comparative

3. EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £
Charitable activities			
Charitable project - Grants			
St Louis Hospital, Jerusalem, Holy Land	-	86,847	86,847
Rosary Sisters School, Gaza, Holy Land	-	10,483	10,483
	-	97,330	97,330
Direct costs			
Staff Costs		1,311	1,311
	-	1,311	1,311
Support costs			
Telephone, Postage and Stationery	-	396	396
Rent	-	2,817	2,817
Travel expenses	-	806	806
Equipment, IT, Website and Software	-	3,803	3,803
Events	-	1,866	1,866
Other Expenses	-	653	653
Governance costs			
Independent Examiner's fee	1,260	-	1,260
	1,260	10,341	11,601
Total Expenditure	£1,260	£108,982	£110,242

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

4. STAFF COSTS AND REMUNERATION OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Wages & salaries	-	1,290
Social security costs	-	-
Pension contributions	-	21
	<u>£-</u>	<u>£1,311</u>
The average number of staff employed in the year was:		
	2025 Number	2024 Number
Administration	-	1

No employee has received remuneration at a rate of £60,000 per annum or more (2024: Nil).

5. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION & RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Reimbursement of trustees' expenses to trustees (2024: none) amounted to	<u>£-</u>	<u>£-</u>

Under Clause 6 (2) of the CIO's constitution, a Charity Trustee or Connected Person may enter into a contract for the supply of services, or of goods that are supplied in connection with the provision of services, to the CIO where that is permitted in accordance with, and subject to the conditions in sections, 185 to 188 of the Charities Act 2011.

No trustee received any remuneration for trustee services from the charity during the year.

6. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2025 Total £	2024 Total £
Other creditors – grants payable	2,157	2,152
Accruals	900	1,260
	<u>£3,057</u>	<u>£3,412</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

7. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Year ended 5 April 2025	Balance at start of year £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer s £	Balance at end of year £
Holy Land Fund	4,771	2,112	-	-	6,883
Syria Fund	404	210	-	-	614
Ukrainian Fund	468	104	-	-	572
Iraq Fund	654	190	-	-	844
Lebanon Fund	555	-	-	-	555
Armenia Fund	-	38	-	-	38
Core Costs	81,143	-	(12,589)	-	68,554
	<u>£87,995</u>	<u>£2,654</u>	<u>£(12,589)</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£78,060</u>
Year ended 5 April 2024	Balance at start of year £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer s £	Balance at end of year £
Holy Land Fund	800	112,953	(108,982)	-	4,771
St Francis Parish, Aleppo, Syria	-	404	-	-	404
Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Food Aid	445	23	-	-	468
For FACE's projects in Iraq	545	109	-	-	654
For FACE's projects in Lebanon	550	5	-	-	555
Core Costs	81,143	-	-	-	81,143
	<u>£83,483</u>	<u>£113,494</u>	<u>£(108,982)</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£87,995</u>

The restricted funds mentioned above were held entirely as cash at bank at the end of the year.

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YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

Restricted Funds

HOLY LAND Fund. The Fund was set up to support projects in education, healthcare and pastoral support in the Holy Land. Remaining monies in the Fund are restricted to this purpose. Hitherto, the Fund has supported FACE's projects at:

- (i) the **St Louis Hospital, Jerusalem**, renovating and upgrading the hot water system in the hospital; and
- (ii) the **Rosary Sisters' School, Gaza**, providing scholarships for the tuition fees of children of impoverished families, and covering teachers' salaries.

UKRAINE Fund. The fund was set up to finance emergency food rations to parishes in the war-ravaged oblasts of Ukraine.

IRAQ Fund. The Fund was set up to finance projects that enable the survival and advancement of Christianity in Iraq. Remaining monies in the Fund are restricted to this purpose.

LEBANON Fund. The Fund was set up to finance projects in education and healthcare in Lebanon. Remaining monies in the Fund are restricted to this purpose. Hitherto, the Fund has supported FACE's projects at:

- (i) the Adyan Foundation to support the Feshet Sama Centre;
- (ii) University of St Joseph Medical School, Beirut, for nursing scholarships; (iii) Rosary Sisters' Hospital, Beirut, Lebanon, for doctors' and nurses' salaries.

ETHIOPIA Fund. The Fund was set up to finance FACE's education projects in Catholic schools and training centres in Ethiopia, and supported projects at Shashamane School for the Blind, Shashamane; Lideta Catholic Cathedral School, Addis Ababa; St Joseph's Mission Hostel, Danka Dembidolo; Bucama Nursery in Bucama; and Selam Youth Centre, Kombolcha.

SYRIA Fund. The Fund was set up to finance education and pastoral projects that enable the survival and advancement of Christianity in Syria. Remaining monies in the Fund are restricted to this purpose. Hitherto, the Fund has supported FACE's projects at:

- (i) Le Senevé Day Care Centre, Homs, run by the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for children;
- (ii) the Rosary Sisters School, Aleppo, for rebuilding of the bomb-damaged school; and
- (iii) St Francis Parish in Aleppo, for rebuilding parish properties destroyed by the earthquake.

CORE COSTS Fund. Restricted donations to cover core costs in FACE's administration.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2025

8. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £
INCOME from			
<i>Donations and Legacies:</i>			
Grants receivable	10,000	101,027	111,027
Donations	2,554	12,467	15,021
<i>Other Trading Activities:</i>			
Events	2,025	-	2,025
Other income	-	-	-
Bank interest	2,827	-	2,827
Total income	<u>17,406</u>	<u>113,494</u>	<u>130,900</u>
EXPENDITURE on			
Charitable activities	1,260	108,982	110,242
Total expenditure	<u>1,260</u>	<u>108,982</u>	<u>110,242</u>
Net movement in funds before transfers	16,146	4,512	20,658
Transfers between Funds	-	-	-
Net movement in Funds	16,146	4,512	20,658
Reconciliation of Funds			
Funds brought forward	<u>96,421</u>	<u>83,483</u>	<u>179,904</u>
Funds carried forward	<u><u>112,567</u></u>	<u><u>87,995</u></u>	<u><u>200,562</u></u>

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

England & Wales - Charity number 1178592

Accounts

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST
(also known as FACE)

(Registered Charity No: 1178592)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
ACCOUNTS

5 APRIL 2024

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

REGISTERED NAME	Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East
TRADING NAME	FACE
TRUSTEES	Mr John Fox (Chair of Trustees) Dr Robert Gibbons (appointed 4 December 2023) Mr Martin Lupton Mr Christopher Sayer Dame Rachel de Souza
PRINCIPAL OFFICE	FACE Charity Judge Sykes Frixou Queen's House 55 Lincoln's Inn Fields London WC2A 3LJ
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	CIO constitution registered 31 May 2018, and amended by resolution dated 12/07/2021, in accordance with Charity Commission consent granted on 02/07/2021)
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1178592
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Olayinka Tomori ACA, DChA Longmeade Consult Ltd The Old Rectory Springhead Road Northfleet, Kent DA11 8HN
BANKERS	NatWest Bank Strand PO Box 414 38 Strand London WC2H 5JB
SOLICITORS	Mr Timothy O'Callaghan (solicitor) Judge Sykes Frixou Queen's House 55 Lincoln's Inn Fields London WC2A 3LJ

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

The trustees present their report and the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5th April 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (Second Edition effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (also known as FACE) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), incorporated under a CIO constitution registered with the Charity Commission on 31 May 2018. The charity is governed by a board of trustees.

Appointment of Trustees

The trustees, who are normally appointed on a 3-year mandate, have the power to appoint and remove trustees by resolution.

Management

The Board of Trustees holds four quarterly meetings per year, in addition to which the trustees meet as required to manage the affairs of the charity.

CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

The objects of the charity are:

- (1) To provide for the relief of poverty and sickness to people in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India and surrounding territories, for the public benefit by the provision of grants to local organisations, in particular but not limited to those under the patronage of the Eastern Churches.
- (2) To advance education in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India and surrounding territories, for the public benefit by the provision of grants to places of learning, in particular but not exclusively to those under the patronage of the Eastern Churches.
- (3) To advance the Christian religion in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India, for the public benefit by supporting and promoting the Eastern Churches, in particular but not exclusively in places where Christians are suffering from persecution, oppression or discrimination.
- (4) To promote knowledge, mutual understanding, tolerance and respect between persons of different faiths in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India and surrounding territories, by facilitating ecumenical and interreligious relations.
- (5) To advance the education of the public in the United Kingdom by the dissemination of information and the provision of educational resources which promote a greater awareness and understanding of the Eastern Churches, and which strengthen pastoral bonds between Eastern and Western Christians.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

PRIME GOVERNANCE

In the sixth year of operation, the focus of the trustees has been on developing partnerships with the Eastern Catholic patriarchates and with complementary institutions and organisations. Set out below is a summary of how the charity is operating.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

MISSION

Our Mission Statement

Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (FACE) helps communities in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India to free themselves from a life of poverty and inequality. FACE aims to foster sustainable development and bring lasting change to the communities it serves, through its projects in education, healthcare, pastoral support and inter-religious dialogue,

Our Aim

Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (FACE) enables people of all faiths and none in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India to free themselves from a life of poverty, inequality and injustice.

FACE has particular concern to help Eastern Christians to remain in their biblical homelands where Christianity was born and first spread. FACE strives to preserve the heritage of the Eastern Churches so that Eastern Christians remain a living testament to the roots, legitimacy and beneficence of the Christian presence in Arabic, African, Asian and European society, and continue to be mediators of peace and goodwill in their multi-faith communities. FACE's work benefits the multi-faith communities in which Eastern Christians live.

FACE believes in the sanctity of life; in the dignity of the individual; in the right of each individual to liberty, equality, justice and well-being; and in the protection of the Earth's resources.

Who are the Eastern Christians?

There remain less than 25 million Eastern Christians living in the Middle East and surrounding region, though their number continues to diminish as they are forced into exile. Those that remain are invariably treated as second-class citizens and face discrimination, inequality, injustice and poverty. For Western Christians, they provide a direct link to the Early Church, leading us to the roots of Christianity and showing us, through their tradition and witness, a living faith in Christ. Despite their precarious status in not being fully-fledged citizens in their own lands, they have found a role as mediators in Arab society, guaranteeing peace in a fragile socio-political system and making an important economic contribution through professional activity.

Our values

- FACE is a Christian charity which is inspired by the Word of God, Catholic Social Teaching and the traditions of the Catholic Church.
- FACE lives out Christ's message of love through devotion and humble service to Eastern Christians, as well as to others of all faiths and none.
- FACE believes in the power of prayer to guide and strengthen its mission; to express solidarity with those who suffer because of their devotion to Christ and his Church; and to grow pastoral bonds between Western and Eastern Christians.
- FACE believes in the sanctity of life; in human life as a gift from God; in the dignity of the individual; in the right of each individual to liberty, equality, justice and well-being; in reverence for Nature; and in the protection of the Earth's resources.
- FACE believes in the freedom of belief, thought, expression of every person, not only as individuals but also as members of a community.
- FACE believes that the protection of places of worship is a duty for all.
- FACE, in serving Eastern Christians, supports the multi-faith communities in which the Eastern Christians live - to the benefit of all, regardless of race or creed.
- FACE strives for an end to poverty through education, healthcare and welfare support.
- FACE promotes unity and reconciliation in the Middle East.
- FACE strives to enable and strengthen ecumenical and interreligious relations, as well as to build peaceful and harmonious community relations.
- FACE is inspired by the courage and devotion of Eastern Christians, who remain loyal to Christ in the face of oppression and persecution, by their Christian witness to the love of God and neighbour, their trust in Divine Providence, their embrace of peace and goodwill between all peoples, and their perseverance in Hope.

What we do

- FACE delivers grant aid to projects in education, healthcare, pastoral support and interreligious dialogue, across the Middle East, the Horn of Africa, India and Southeast Europe.
- FACE offers moral, pastoral and material support to the Eastern Catholic missions and chaplaincies in the UK.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

MISSION (continued)

Our charitable activities

FACE's principal concern and responsibility is to support those who suffer from discrimination, poverty, injustice and inequality by means of:

- HUMANITARIAN AID through funding rapid response emergency relief;
- EDUCATION through funding nursery, primary and secondary schools, professional training, and universities;
- HEALTHCARE through funding health centres, dispensaries, hospitals, care and retirement homes;
- PASTORAL SUPPORT through funding the formation of the religious; the training of catechists and lay ministers; the welfare of priests in need, particularly those for whom no healthcare or elderly care system exists;
- INTERRELIGIOUS RELATIONS through funding schools, universities, dispensaries, hospitals and community centres which are accessible to all, regardless of faith and ethnicity.

Our projects

FACE's projects enable Eastern Christians:

- to rebuild their homes and communities
- to educate their children
- to create employment opportunities
- to secure the maintenance of their churches, schools, hospitals and care homes
- to promote ecumenical and interreligious relations
- to be peacemakers in their multi-faith communities
- to strengthen their pastoral bonds with Western Christians.

How we do it?

- FACE gives financial support to projects in education, healthcare, pastoral support, and humanitarian aid, which are organised by the local Christian communities, dioceses, parishes and religious congregations.
- FACE devotes itself and all its resources exclusively to supporting such projects.
- FACE works in close partnership with the patriarchs, major metropolitans, bishops and religious of the Eastern Churches, to fulfil the projects.

Who benefits from FACE's activities?

Christians of the Eastern Churches in the Middle East, North Africa, the Horn of Africa, India and South-eastern Europe, as well as those of all faiths and none who co-exist in their multi-faith communities.

How do they benefit?

The Christian communities, as well as those of other faiths who are living in proximity, benefit directly from the social, pastoral, educational and healthcare services which flow from the projects.

What is the unfulfilled need?

The unfulfilled need in Eritrea, Ethiopia, Iraq, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria and Ukraine is the restoration of peace, reconciliation, and the rebuilding of community life in the towns and villages, as well as an integrated citizenship and equality for all.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY

The charity fundraises through grants from trusts and foundations, legacies, individual giving, and Gift Aid.

The charity does not engage in cold-calling, door to door or street fundraising. No complaints about fundraising activities have been received. However, if a complaint were to be received, we would undertake to resolve it promptly and would envisage that there would never be any need for any complaint to escalate to the stage of referral to the regulator.

The trustees adhere to the standards of the Fundraising Code of Practice.

The trustees are of the opinion that the charity's overall fundraising performance was good and was conducted fully in accordance with the above principles. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of all those who have given to the work of the charity.

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CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

ETHIOPIA

Shashamene School for the Blind, in Shashemene, Ethiopia

Shashamane School for the Blind, run by the Franciscan Sisters of St Mary of the Angels, currently has over 100 blind and partially sighted students from all religious backgrounds, aged 7 to 18, and provides primary and secondary education together with training in Braille and essential life skills and regular medical and ophthalmological check-ups and treatments. FACE's project funds children's tuition expenses, Braille equipment, music lessons, medical care and eye operations, rent and building maintenance, and school uniforms.

This charitable spending, drawn from FACE's Ethiopia Fund, relates to FACE's mission in education.

St Joseph's Mission, in Danka Dembidolo, Ethiopia

St Joseph's Mission, run by the Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul, provides skills training and education for impoverished young women and girls. FACE's project supported the board, lodging and tuition of 20 young women for job training in sewing and embroidery, so that they could become financially independent and break out of the poverty cycle, and FACE supported 10 girls in tertiary education over a 12-month period by funding their tuition, shelter, food and clothing.

This charitable spending, drawn from FACE's Ethiopia Fund, relates to FACE's mission in education.

Selim Youth Centre, Kombolcha, Ethiopia

The parish youth centre is run by the White Fathers of Africa and brings youth of all faiths together and offers them a public library, computer classes, sports equipment, recreational facilities, and a chapel. FACE supported the purchase of furniture, books and computers. *This charitable spending, drawn from FACE's Ethiopia Fund, relates to FACE's mission in pastoral support.*

HOLY LAND

Rosary Sisters' School, Gaza

Run by the Congregation of the Rosary Sisters of Jerusalem, the school provides comprehensive primary and secondary education to over 1000 boys and girls. FACE's funding supports scholarships to cover the tuition fees of the children of impoverished families and salaries of teachers. As a result of the armed conflict in Gaza (which began in October 2023) and the destruction of the school building by IDF bombardment, the Rosary Sisters moved their pastoral and educational operation to the Holy Family parish compound in Gaza City. FACE has helped to fund their activities at the Holy Family parish. *This charitable spending, drawn from FACE's Holy Land Fund, relates to FACE's mission in education.*

St Louis Hospital, Jerusalem

Run by the Sisters of Joseph of the Apparition, Saint Louis is a non-profit hospital offering oncology and palliative care and serving all the population of Jerusalem, regardless of religion or ethnicity. FACE's funding supports the refurbishment of the water, electricity, and safety systems in the hospital. *This charitable spending, drawn from FACE's Syria Fund, relates to FACE's mission in healthcare.*

SYRIA

Le Senevé, in Homs, Syria

Le Senevé is a day care centre, run by the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for children and young people with learning disabilities, including Down Syndrome and Autism. The centre offers an educational programme that is adapted to the specific needs of each child and promotes peace and social integration between the different communities of Homs. FACE's project helped to fund Le Senevé's educational materials and school trips, and rental of the school premises. *This charitable spending, drawn from FACE's Syria Fund, relates to FACE's mission in healthcare, education and inter-religious dialogue.*

Latin Parish of St Francis, in Aleppo, Syria

The Latin Parish of St Francis, under the jurisdiction of the Custodia Terrae Sanctae, is an inner city parish serving the Catholic faithful of Aleppo, where many homes were devastated by the earthquake in February 2023. FACE's project supported the re-building of 5 houses so that homeless families of the parish could be re-housed before the onslaught of the next winter. *This charitable spending, drawn from FACE's Earthquake Fund, relates to FACE's mission in humanitarian relief.*

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES (continued)

UKRAINE

Food Aid Programme of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Kiev, Ukraine

The project run by the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Patriarchate delivers 5,000 food packets per week to families in the worst affected oblasts of the east, north-east and south Ukraine. Since the start of the conflict, FACE has contributed to the funding of this project across several parishes.

This charitable spending, drawn from FACE's Ukraine, relates to FACE's mission in humanitarian relief and pastoral support.

UNITED KINGDOM

International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians, 5th May 2023

The annual event, organized in the UK by FACE, took place on Sunday, 5th May 2023 (Sixth Sunday of Easter), with the participation of Christians from all over Europe, the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India, and offered Eastern and Western Christians an opportunity to unite in prayer during the season of Easter. The event offered Christians in the UK a moment to assure Eastern Christians of their prayers, support and solidarity; to come to a greater awareness and understanding of Eastern Christians; to embrace the diaspora of Eastern Churches in the UK as part of the wider Catholic Church; and to become more aware of FACE's mission in supporting Eastern Christians.

Pastoral Visit of His Beatitude Cardinal Sako, Chaldean Patriarch, 1st – 12th June 2023

FACE was the official organiser of the pastoral visit of Patriarch Sako to the United Kingdom. FACE was responsible for organising the official meetings between the Patriarch and church leaders, politicians, parliamentarians, and diplomats, including meetings with Cardinal Nichols, Archbishop of Westminster; Archbishop Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio; Archbishop The Rt Revd Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; The Most Revd Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham; The Rt Revd Lord Ahmad, Minister of State for the Middle East; Mrs Fiona Bruce, Prime Minister's Envoy on Freedom of Religion; and the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Holy See. FACE was also responsible for organising the Patriarch's official visits to: Birmingham Oratory, Edgbaston; St Mary's College, Oscott; The Newman Society, Oxford University; The Oxford Union, Oxford University; National Catholic Shrine, Walsingham; Cambridge University Catholic Chaplaincy, Fisher House, Cambridge; Chaldean Mission in the UK.

TRUSTEE ACTIVITY

- During the financial year, the trustees held four trustees' quarterly meetings, one trustees' extra-ordinary meeting, in addition to regular Zoom meetings to deal with interim or high-priority matters; the Resources sub-committee held regular Zoom and WhatsApp meetings; and the chair of trustees was in regular Zoom and telephone contact with the trustees and sub-committee members.
- The trustees held their annual Mass for FACE's trustees, executive, volunteers and donors, at St George's Cathedral, Southwark, on 4th December 2023, for which the principal celebrant was Cardinal Fitzgerald and the preacher Canon Dr Robert Gibbons. The Mass was followed by dinner at which His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia, Apostolic Nuncio in Great Britain, was guest of honour and speaker.

EXECUTIVE ACTIVITY

For part of the financial year, a full-time salaried fundraiser managed fundraising activities in:

- Fundraising through donation from individuals;
- Fundraising through donation from trusts and foundations;
- Fundraising through donation from major donors;

Administration, communications, public relations, and maintenance of information technology, accounting and data systems, and social media, were carried out by a well-trained team of volunteers.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

FINANCIAL REVIEW

There was an increase in income compared with the last year. During the year, the charity generated income of £130.9k (2023: £89.7k) mainly consisting of grants and donations.

Grants amounted to £111k and included:

- £99k – to support Holy Land
- £10k – to support FACE’s infrastructure and core costs

Donations of £15.0k included:

- £13.9k – to Holy Land Fund (Gaza Fund & Lent Appeal)
- £0.1k – restricted to Iraq Fund
- £0.5k – unrestricted Gift Aid

Interest income of £2.8k was earned from bank balances held by the charity.

Expenditure saw an increase from £89.8k to £110.2k. due to substantially more grants being made in the year. Charitable donations paid amounted to £97.3k (2023: £41.9k) including the utilisation of the afore-mentioned restricted project donations. Other support costs incurred in the year were in line with similar expenditure in the prior year.

The year ended with a surplus of £20.7k (2023: £0.2k). Closing reserves of £200.6k comprised of unrestricted funds of £112.6k and restricted funds of £88.0k.

RESERVES POLICY

By the end of the year, the charity’s net assets stood at £200.6k. Of this sum, £112.6k was held as “free” or unrestricted funds. Ongoing events and unrest in the Middle East have restricted the extent of the activities of the charity. However, the trustees are aware that these events will place a demand on the charity for support in future, and they have kept this in mind in building reserves. As a result, their target for “free” reserves, once the Core Costs Fund has been utilised, is currently set at £120k. The charity held restricted funds at the year-end of £88.0k.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

It is the intention of the trustees to expand the work of the charity along the lines set out in the Activities section of this report (above). This will include recruiting a Fundraising Manager and expanding the voluntary team.

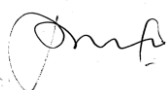
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES’ RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare for each financial year financial statements which give a true and fair view of the charity’s financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the year end. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Adopt the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for ensuring proper accounting records are kept which 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 charity’s constitution and the disclosure regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of error, fraud and other irregularities.

Signed as authorised on behalf of the Trustees on 27 January 2025 by:



John Fox
Chair of trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 Trust 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.



Olayinka Tomori
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27 January 2025

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £ (see Note 9)
INCOME from					
<i>Donations and Legacies:</i>					
Grants receivable	1	10,000	101,027	111,027	75,329
Donations		2,554	12,467	15,021	10,696
<i>Other Trading Activities:</i>					
Events		2,025	-	2,025	2,803
Other income		-	-	-	834
Bank interest		2,827	-	2,827	-
Total income		<u>17,406</u>	<u>113,494</u>	<u>130,900</u>	<u>89,662</u>
EXPENDITURE on					
Charitable activities	2	1,260	108,982	110,242	89,820
Total expenditure		<u>1,260</u>	<u>108,982</u>	<u>110,242</u>	<u>89,820</u>
Net movement in funds before transfers		16,146	4,512	20,658	(158)
Transfers between Funds		-	-	-	-
Net movement in Funds		16,146	4,512	20,658	(158)
Reconciliation of Funds					
Funds brought forward		96,421	83,483	179,904	180,062
Funds carried forward		<u><u>112,567</u></u>	<u><u>87,995</u></u>	<u><u>200,562</u></u>	<u><u>£179,904</u></u>

All recognised gains and losses in the current year are included in the income and expenditure account.

All operations are continuing activities.

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 5 APRIL 2024

	Notes	2024	2023
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	-	5,126
Cash at bank and in hand		203,974	182,446
		<u>203,974</u>	<u>187,572</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(3,412)	(7,668)
		<u>200,562</u>	<u>179,904</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS AND NET ASSETS		<u>£200,562</u>	<u>£179,904</u>
FUNDS AND RESERVES			
Unrestricted – General Fund		112,567	96,421
Restricted funds	8	87,995	83,483
		<u>£200,562</u>	<u>£179,904</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 27 January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



John Fox

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST
PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

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

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared for the year to 5 April 2024 with comparative information provided in respect to the year to 5 April 2023.

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 (FRS 102) (Second Edition effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.
The accounts are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Preparation of the accounts may require the Trustees to make significant judgements and estimates.

The Trustees consider that there were no such key areas in the accounts where these judgements and estimates have had to be made.

Assessment of going concern

The Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these accounts. The Trustees have made this assessment in respect to a period of one year from the date of approval of these accounts.

The Trustees of the Charity have concluded that there are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees are of the opinion that the charity will have sufficient resources to meet its liabilities as they fall due. Any significant areas of judgement that affect items in the accounts are detailed above. With regard to the next accounting period, the year ending 5 April 2025, the Trustees consider that there are no significant areas that affect the carrying value of the assets held by the Charity.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the net movement in funds.

Income recognition

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity has entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Income comprises grants, donations, investment income and other income. Donations are recognised when the charity has confirmation of both the amount and settlement date. In the event of donations pledged but not received, the amount is accrued for where the receipt is considered probable. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

In accordance with the Charities SORP FRS 102 volunteer time is not recognised.

Legacies are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the legacy, the executors have established that there are sufficient surplus assets in the estate to pay the legacy, and any conditions attached to the legacy are within the control of the charity.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST
PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure comprises direct costs and support costs. All expenses, including support costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. The classification between activities is as follows:

- ◆ Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure associated with raising funds for the charity.
- ◆ Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs associated with furthering the charitable purposes of the Charity through the provision of its charitable activities. Such costs include charitable grants and donations, direct and support costs in respect of the operations of the charity.

Charitable grants and donations are made where the Trustees consider there is real need following a review of the details of each particular case and comprise single year payments rather than multi-year grants.

Grants payable are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when approved and when the intended recipient has either received the funds or been informed of the decision to make the grant and has satisfied all performance conditions. Grants approved but not paid at the end of the financial year are accrued. Grants where the beneficiary has not been informed or has to fulfil performance conditions before the grant is released are not accrued for but are disclosed as financial commitments in the notes to the accounts.

All expenditure is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Support costs represent indirect charitable expenditure. In order to carry out the primary purposes of the charity it is necessary to provide support in the form of personnel and administrative functions.

Tangible fixed assets

Any assets costing more than £2,000 and with an expected useful life exceeding one year are capitalised.

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at their settlement amount, less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid. They are discounted to the present value of the future cash receipt where such discounting is material.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents such accounts and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition. Deposits for more than three months but less than one year have been disclosed as short-term deposits. Cash placed on deposit for more than one year is disclosed as a fixed asset investment.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash payment where such discounting is material.

Fund structure

General or Unrestricted Funds represent those monies which are freely available for application towards achieving any charitable purpose that falls within the Charity's charitable objects. Restricted Funds comprise monies raised for, or their use restricted to a specific purpose by means of donor-imposed conditions.

Pension schemes

A defined contribution scheme is available for Staff. Contributions in respect of the defined contribution pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities when they are payable to the scheme. The Charity's contributions are limited to the contributions disclosed in note 4. There were no outstanding contributions at the year end. The Charity has no liability beyond making its contributions and paying across the deductions for the employees' contributions.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

1. GRANTS RECEIVABLE	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
For Le Senevé, Homs, Syria	-	-	-	5,500
St Joseph's Mission, Ethiopia	-	-	-	25,750
Shashemene School, Ethiopia	-	-	-	2,500
Selam Youth Centre, Kombolcha, Ethiopia	-	-	-	600
Rosary Sisters' School, Gaza, Holy Land	-	-	-	800
St Francis Parish, Aleppo, Syria	-	-	-	2,377
Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Food Aid	-	-	-	5,794
St Louis Hospital, Jerusalem, Holy Land	-	99,000	99,000	-
For FACE's projects in Holy Land	-	2,027	2,027	-
For FACE's core costs	10,000	-	10,000	-
FACE's General Fund	-	-	-	32,008
	<u>£10,000</u>	<u>£101,027</u>	<u>£111,027</u>	<u>£75,329</u>
Prior Year 2023				
Grants Receivable	<u>£32,008</u>	<u>£43,321</u>	<u>£75,329</u>	

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

2. EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Charitable activities				
Charitable project - Grants				
St Louis Hospital, Jerusalem, Holy Land	-	86,847	86,847	-
Rosary Sisters School, Gaza, Holy Land	-	10,483	10,483	-
Le Senevé, Homs, Syria	-	-	-	4,750
St Joseph's Mission, Ethiopia	-	-	-	22,745
Shashemene School, Ethiopia	-	-	-	2,265
Selam Youth Centre, Kombolcha, Ethiopia	-	-	-	1,615
St Francis Parish, Aleppo, Syria	-	-	-	5,341
Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Food Aid	-	-	-	5,230
	-	97,330	97,330	41,946
Direct costs				
Staff Costs		1,311	1,311	33,355
	-	1,311	1,311	33,355
Support costs				
Telephone, Postage and Stationery	-	396	396	96
Rent	-	2,817	2,817	2,443
Travel expenses	-	806	806	1,445
Equipment, IT, Website and Software	-	3,803	3,803	5,163
Events	-	1,866	1,866	2,232
Other Expenses	-	653	653	1,940
Governance costs				
Independent Examiner's fee	1,260	-	1,260	1,200
	1,260	10,341	11,601	14,519
Total Expenditure	£1,260	£108,982	£110,242	£89,820

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

2023 Comparative

2. EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £
Charitable activities			
Charitable project - Grants			
Le Senevé, Homs, Syria	-	4,750	4,750
St Joseph's Mission, Ethiopia	-	22,745	22,745
Shashemene School, Ethiopia	-	2,265	2,265
Selam Youth Centre, Kombolcha, Ethiopia	-	1,615	1,615
St Francis Parish, Aleppo, Syria	-	5,341	5,341
Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Food Aid	-	5,230	5,230
	-	41,946	41,946
Direct costs			
Staff Costs	-	33,355	33,355
	-	33,355	33,355
Support costs			
Telephone, Postage and Stationery	-	96	96
Rent	-	2,443	2,443
Travel expenses	-	1,445	1,445
Equipment, IT, Website and Software	-	5,163	5,163
Events	-	2,232	2,232
Other Expenses	-	1,940	1,940
Governance costs			
Independent Examiner's fee	1,200	-	1,200
	1,200	13,319	14,519
Total Expenditure	£1,200	£88,620	£89,820

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

4. STAFF COSTS AND REMUNERATION OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Wages & salaries	1,290	32,565
Social security costs	-	-
Pension contributions	21	790
	<u>£1,311</u>	<u>£33,355</u>

The average number of staff employed in the year was:

	2024 Number	2023 Number
Administration	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employee has received remuneration at a rate of £60,000 per annum or more (2022: Nil).

5. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION & RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Reimbursement of trustees' expenses to trustees (2023: none) amounted to	<u>£-</u>	<u>£-</u>

Under Clause 6 (2) of the CIO's constitution, a Charity Trustee or Connected Person may enter into a contract for the supply of services, or of goods that are supplied in connection with the provision of services, to the CIO where that is permitted in accordance with, and subject to the conditions in sections, 185 to 188 of the Charities Act 2011.

No trustee received any remuneration for trustee services from the charity during the year.

6. DEBTORS

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Other debtors	-	1,002
Accrued income	-	4,124
	<u>£-</u>	<u>£5,126</u>

7. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 Total £	2023 Total £
Other taxes and Social Security	-	1,127
Other creditors – grants payable	2,152	5,341
Accruals	1,260	1,200
	<u>£3,412</u>	<u>£7,668</u>

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

8. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Year ended 5 April 2024	Balance at start of year £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer s £	Balance at end of year £
Holy Land Fund	800	112,953	(108,982)	-	4,771
St Francis Parish, Aleppo, Syria	-	404	-	-	404
Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Food Aid	445	23	-	-	468
For FACE's projects in Iraq	545	109	-	-	654
For FACE's projects in Lebanon	550	5	-	-	555
Core Costs	81,143	-	-	-	81,143
	<u>£83,483</u>	<u>£113,494</u>	<u>£(108,982)</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£87,995</u>

Year ended 5 April 2023	Balance at start of year £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at end of year £
St Joseph's Mission, Ethiopia	-	25,750	(25,750)	-	-
Shashemene School, Ethiopia	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Selam Youth Centre, Kombolcha, Ethiopia	-	600	(1,615)	1,015	-
Holy Land Fund	-	800	-	-	800
St Francis Parish, Aleppo, Syria	-	6,097	(6,097)	-	-
Le Senevé Centre, Homs, Syria	-	5,500	(5,500)	-	-
Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Food Aid	-	6,198	(5,753)	-	445
For FACE's projects in Iraq	545	-	-	-	545
For FACE's projects in Lebanon	550	-	-	-	550
Core Costs	122,548	-	(41,405)	-	81,143
	<u>£123,643</u>	<u>£47,445</u>	<u>£(88,620)</u>	<u>£1,015</u>	<u>£83,483</u>

The restricted funds mentioned above were held entirely as cash at bank at the end of the year.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

Restricted Funds

HOLY LAND Fund. The Fund was set up to support projects in education, healthcare and pastoral support in the Holy Land. Remaining monies in the Fund are restricted to this purpose. Hitherto, the Fund has supported FACE's projects at:

- (i) the **St Louis Hospital, Jerusalem**, renovating and upgrading the hot water system in the hospital; and
- (ii) the **Rosary Sisters' School, Gaza**, providing scholarships for the tuition fees of children of impoverished families, and covering teachers' salaries.

UKRAINE Fund. The fund was set up to finance emergency food rations to parishes in the war-ravaged oblasts of Ukraine.

IRAQ Fund. The Fund was set up to finance projects that enable the survival and advancement of Christianity in Iraq. Remaining monies in the Fund are restricted to this purpose.

LEBANON Fund. The Fund was set up to finance projects in education and healthcare in Lebanon. Remaining monies in the Fund are restricted to this purpose. Hitherto, the Fund has supported FACE's projects at:

- (i) the Adyan Foundation to support the Feshet Sama Centre;
- (ii) University of St Joseph Medical School, Beirut, for nursing scholarships; (iii) Rosary Sisters' Hospital, Beirut, Lebanon, for doctors' and nurses' salaries.

ETHIOPIA Fund. The Fund was set up to finance FACE's education projects in Catholic schools and training centres in Ethiopia, and supported projects at Shashamane School for the Blind, Shashamane; Lideta Catholic Cathedral School, Addis Ababa; St Joseph's Mission Hostel, Danka Dembidolo; Bucama Nursery in Bucama; and Selam Youth Centre, Kombolcha.

SYRIA Fund. The Fund was set up to finance education and pastoral projects that enable the survival and advancement of Christianity in Syria. Remaining monies in the Fund are restricted to this purpose. Hitherto, the Fund has supported FACE's projects at:

- (i) Le Senevé Day Care Centre, Homs, run by the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for children;
- (ii) the Rosary Sisters School, Aleppo, for rebuilding of the bomb-damaged school; and
- (iii) St Francis Parish in Aleppo, for rebuilding parish properties destroyed by the earthquake.

CORE COSTS Fund. Restricted donations to cover core costs in FACE's administration.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2024

9. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE PREVIOUS YEAR

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £
INCOME from				
<i>Donations and Legacies:</i>				
Grants receivable	1	32,008	43,321	75,329
Donations		6,572	4,124	10,696
<i>Other Trading Activities:</i>				
Events		2,803	-	2,803
Other income		834	-	834
Total income		<u>42,217</u>	<u>47,445</u>	<u>89,662</u>
EXPENDITURE on				
Charitable activities	2	1,200	88,620	89,820
Total expenditure		<u>1,200</u>	<u>88,620</u>	<u>89,820</u>
Net movement in funds before transfers		41,017	(41,175)	(158)
Transfers between Funds	8	(1,015)	1,015	-
Net movement in Funds		40,002	(40,160)	(158)
Reconciliation of Funds				
Funds brought forward		56,419	123,643	180,062
Funds carried forward		<u><u>£96,421</u></u>	<u><u>£83,483</u></u>	<u><u>£179,904</u></u>

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

England & Wales - Charity number 1178592

Accounts

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST
(also known as FACE)

(Registered Charity No: 1178592)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
ACCOUNTS

5 APRIL 2023

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

REGISTERED NAME	Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East
TRADING NAME	FACE
TRUSTEES	John Fox (Chair of Trustees) Mr Martin Lupton Mr Christopher Sayer Mr Dominic Tayler
PRINCIPAL OFFICE	FACE Charity Judge Sykes Frixou York House 23 Kingsway London WC2B 6YF
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	CIO constitution registered 31 May 2018, and amended by resolution dated 12/07/2021, in accordance with Charity Commission consent granted on 02/07/2021)
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1178592
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Olayinka Tomori ACA, DChA Longmeade Consult Ltd Regus House Admirals Park Victory Way Dartford
BANKERS	NatWest Bank Strand PO Box 414 38 Strand London WC2H 5JB
SOLICITORS	Mr Timothy O'Callaghan (solicitor) Judge Sykes Frixou York House 23 Kingsway London WC2B 6YF

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

The trustees present their report and the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5th April 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (Second Edition effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (also known as FACE) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), incorporated under a CIO constitution registered with the Charity Commission on 31 May 2018. The charity is governed by a board of trustees.

Appointment of Trustees

The trustees, who are normally appointed on a 3-year mandate, have the power to appoint and remove trustees by resolution.

Management

The Board of Trustees holds four quarterly meetings per year, in addition to which the trustees meet as required to manage the affairs of the charity.

CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

The objects of the charity are:

- (1) To provide for the relief of poverty and sickness to people in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India and surrounding territories, for the public benefit by the provision of grants to local organisations, in particular but not limited to those under the patronage of the Eastern Churches.
- (2) To advance education in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India and surrounding territories, for the public benefit by the provision of grants to places of learning, in particular but not exclusively to those under the patronage of the Eastern Churches.
- (3) To advance the Christian religion in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India, for the public benefit by supporting and promoting the Eastern Churches, in particular but not exclusively in places where Christians are suffering from persecution, oppression or discrimination.
- (4) To promote knowledge, mutual understanding, tolerance and respect between persons of different faiths in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India and surrounding territories, by facilitating ecumenical and interreligious relations.
- (5) To advance the education of the public in the United Kingdom by the dissemination of information and the provision of educational resources which promote a greater awareness and understanding of the Eastern Churches, and which strengthen pastoral bonds between Eastern and Western Christians.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

PRIME GOVERNANCE

As this is the fifth year of operation, the focus of the trustees has been on developing fundraising strategy and developing partnerships with complementary institutions and organisations. Set out below is a summary of how the charity is operating.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

MISSION

Our Mission Statement

Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (FACE) helps communities in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India to free themselves from a life of poverty and inequality. Through its projects in education, healthcare, pastoral support and inter-religious dialogue, FACE aims to foster sustainable development and bring lasting change to the communities it serves.

Our Aim

Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (FACE) helps Eastern Christians to remain in their homelands where Christianity was born and first spread. FACE enables people of all faiths and none in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa, Southeast Europe and India to free themselves from a life of poverty, inequality and injustice. Together with the local Christian communities, FACE aims to bring lasting change to those regions through long-term projects in education, healthcare, pastoral support and interreligious dialogue.

FACE strives to preserve the heritage of the Eastern Churches so that Eastern Christians remain a living testament to the roots, legitimacy and beneficence of the Christian presence in Arabic, African, Asian and European society, and continue to be mediators of peace and goodwill in their multi-faith communities. FACE's work benefits the multi-faith communities in which Eastern Christians live - regardless of race or creed. FACE believes in the sanctity of life; in the dignity of the individual; in the right of each individual to liberty, equality, justice and well-being; and in the protection of the Earth's resources.

Who are the Eastern Christians?

There remain less than 25 million Eastern Christians living in the Middle East and surrounding region, though their number continues to diminish as they are forced into exile. Those that remain are invariably treated as second-class citizens and face discrimination, inequality, injustice and poverty. For Western Christians, they provide a direct link to the Early Church, leading us to the roots of Christianity and showing us, through their tradition and witness, a living faith in Christ. Despite their precarious status in not being fully-fledged citizens in their own lands, they have found a role as mediators in Arab society, guaranteeing peace in a fragile socio-political system and making an important economic contribution through professional activity.

Our values

- FACE is a Christian charity which is inspired by the Word of God, Catholic Social Teaching and the traditions of the Catholic Church.
- FACE lives out Christ's message of love through devotion and humble service to Eastern Christians, as well as to others of all faiths and none.
- FACE believes in the power of prayer to guide and strengthen its mission; to express solidarity with those who suffer because of their devotion to Christ and his Church; and to grow pastoral bonds between Western and Eastern Christians.
- FACE believes in the sanctity of life; in human life as a gift from God; in the dignity of the individual; in the right of each individual to liberty, equality, justice and well-being; in reverence for Nature; and in the protection of the Earth's resources.
- FACE believes in the freedom of belief, thought, expression of every person, not only as individuals but also as members of a community.
- FACE believes that the protection of places of worship is a duty for all.
- FACE, in serving Eastern Christians, supports the multi-faith communities in which the Eastern Christians live - to the benefit of all, regardless of race or creed.
- FACE strives for an end to poverty through education, healthcare and welfare support.
- FACE promotes unity and reconciliation in the Middle East.
- FACE strives to enable and strengthen ecumenical and interreligious relations, as well as to build peaceful and harmonious community relations.
- FACE is inspired by the courage and devotion of Eastern Christians, who remain loyal to Christ in the face of oppression and persecution, by their Christian witness to the love of God and neighbour, their trust in Divine Providence, their embrace of peace and goodwill between all peoples, and their perseverance in Hope.

What we do

FACE delivers grant aid to projects in education, healthcare, pastoral support and interreligious dialogue, across the Middle East, North Africa, the Horn of Africa, South-East Europe and India.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

MISSION (continued)

Our charitable activities

FACE's principal concern and responsibility is to support those who suffer from discrimination, poverty, injustice and inequality by means of:

- HUMANITARIAN AID through funding rapid response emergency relief;
- EDUCATION through funding nursery, primary and secondary schools, professional training, and universities;
- HEALTHCARE through funding health centres, dispensaries, hospitals, care and retirement homes;
- PASTORAL SUPPORT through funding the formation of the religious; the training of catechists and lay ministers; the welfare of priests in need, particularly those for whom no healthcare or elderly care system exists;
- INTERRELIGIOUS RELATIONS through funding schools, universities, dispensaries, hospitals and community centres which are accessible to all, of all faiths and none.

Our projects

FACE's projects enable Eastern Christians:

- to rebuild their homes and communities
- to educate their children
- to create employment opportunities
- to secure the maintenance of their churches, schools, hospitals and care homes
- to promote ecumenical and interreligious relations
- to be peacemakers in their multi-faith communities
- to strengthen their pastoral bonds with Western Christians.

How we do it?

FACE gives financial support to projects in education, healthcare, pastoral support, and humanitarian aid, which are organised by the local Christian communities, dioceses, parishes and religious congregations.

FACE devotes itself and all its resources exclusively to supporting such projects.

FACE works in close partnership with the patriarchs, major metropolitans, bishops and religious of the Eastern Churches, to fulfil the projects.

Who benefits from FACE's activities?

Christians of the Eastern Churches in the Middle East, North Africa, the Horn of Africa, India and South-eastern Europe, as well as those of all faiths and none who co-exist in their multi-faith communities.

How do they benefit?

The Christian communities, as well as those of other faiths who are living in proximity, benefit directly from the social, pastoral, educational and healthcare services which flow from the project.

What is the unfulfilled need?

The unfulfilled need in Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gaza, Iraq, Lebanon, Syria and Ukraine is the restoration of peace, reconciliation, and the rebuilding of community life in the towns and villages, as well as an integrated citizenship and equality for all.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY

The charity fundraises through grants from trusts and foundations, legacies, individual giving, and Gift Aid.

The charity does not engage in cold-calling, door to door or street fundraising. No complaints about fundraising activities have been received. However, if a complaint were to be received, we would undertake to resolve it promptly and would envisage that there would never be any need for any complaint to escalate to the stage of referral to the regulator.

The trustees adhere to the standards of the Fundraising Code of Practice.

The trustees are of the opinion that the charity's overall fundraising performance was good and was conducted fully in accordance with the above principles. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of all those who have given to the work of the charity.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

ETHIOPIA

Shashamene School for the Blind, in Shashemene, Ethiopia

Shashamane School for the Blind, run by the Franciscan Sisters of St Mary of the Angels, currently has over 100 blind and partially sighted students from all religious backgrounds, aged 7 to 18, and provides primary and secondary education together with training in Braille and essential life skills and regular medical and ophthalmological check-ups and treatments. FACE's project funds children's tuition expenses, Braille equipment, music lessons, medical care and eye operations, rent and building maintenance, and school uniforms.

This charitable spending, drawn from FACE's Ethiopia Fund, relates to FACE's mission in education.

St Joseph's Mission, in Danka Dembidolo, Ethiopia

St Joseph's Mission, run by the Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul, provides skills training and education for impoverished young women and girls. FACE's project supported the board, lodging and tuition of 20 young women for job training in sewing and embroidery, so that they could become financially independent and break out of the poverty cycle, and FACE supported 10 girls in tertiary education over a 12-month period by funding their tuition, shelter, food and clothing.

This charitable spending, drawn from FACE's Ethiopia Fund, relates to FACE's mission in education.

Selim Youth Centre, Kombolcha, Ethiopia

The parish youth centre is run by the White Fathers of Africa and brings youth of all faiths together and offers them a public library, computer classes, sports equipment, recreational facilities, and a chapel. FACE supported the purchase of furniture, books and computers.

This charitable spending, drawn from FACE's Ethiopia Fund, relates to FACE's mission in pastoral support.

HOLY LAND

Rosary Sisters' School, Gaza

Run by the Congregation of the Rosary Sisters of Jerusalem, the school provides comprehensive primary and secondary education to over 1000 boys and girls. FACE's funding supports scholarships to cover the tuition fees of the children of impoverished families.

This charitable spending, drawn from FACE's Holy Land Fund, relates to FACE's mission in education.

SYRIA

Le Senevé, in Homs, Syria

Le Senevé is a day care centre, run by the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, for children and young people with learning disabilities, including Down Syndrome and Autism. The centre offers an educational programme that is adapted to the specific needs of each child and promotes peace and social integration between the different communities of Homs. FACE's project helped to fund Le Senevé's educational materials and school trips, and rental of the school premises.

This charitable spending, drawn from FACE's Syria Fund, relates to FACE's mission in healthcare, education and inter-religious dialogue.

Latin Parish of St Francis, in Aleppo, Syria

The Latin Parish of St Francis, under the jurisdiction of the Custodia Terrae Sanctae, is an inner city parish serving the Catholic faithful of Aleppo, where many homes were devastated by the earthquake in February 2023. FACE's project supported the re-building of 5 houses so that homeless families of the parish could be re-housed before the onslaught of the next winter.

This charitable spending, drawn from FACE's Earthquake Fund, relates to FACE's mission in humanitarian relief.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES (continued)

UKRAINE

Food Aid Programme of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Kiev, Ukraine

The project run by the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Patriarchate delivers 5,000 food packets per week to families in the worst affected oblasts of the east, north-east and south Ukraine. Since the start of the conflict, FACE has contributed to the funding of this project across several parishes.

This charitable spending, drawn from FACE's Ukraine, relates to FACE's mission in humanitarian relief and pastoral support.

UNITED KINGDOM

International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians, 14th May 2022

The annual event, organized in the UK by FACE, took place on Sunday, 14th May 2022 (Sixth Sunday of Easter), with the participation of Christians from all over Europe, the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India, and offered Eastern and Western Christians an opportunity to unite in prayer during the season of Easter. The event offered Christians in the UK a moment to assure Eastern Christians of their prayers, support and solidarity; to come to a greater awareness and understanding of Eastern Christians; to embrace the diaspora of Eastern Churches in the UK as part of the wider Catholic Church; and to become more aware of FACE's mission in supporting Eastern Christians.

Pastoral Visit of His Beatitude Bechara Rai, Patriarch of Antioch, 7th – 14th January 2023

FACE helped to plan and coordinate the pastoral visit of Patriarch Rai to the United Kingdom. FACE was responsible for organising the official meetings between the Patriarch and church leaders, politicians, parliamentarians, and diplomats.

TRUSTEE ACTIVITY

During the financial year, the trustees held four quarterly meetings, in addition to regular Zoom meetings to deal with interim or high-priority matters; the Resources sub-committee held regular Zoom and WhatsApp meetings; and the chair of trustees was in regular Zoom/WhatsApp and telephone contact with the trustees and sub-committee members.

The chairman represented FACE at the annual plenary meeting of R.O.A.C.O. *Riunione delle Opere per l'Aiuto alle Chiese Orientali* (Assembly of Aid Agencies for Eastern Churches) held in the Vatican in June 2022. FACE was invited to participate at the invitation of Cardinal Sandri, Prefect of the Dicastery for Oriental Churches. R.O.A.C.O. unites funding agencies from around the world to offer solidarity and financial aid on behalf of the Catholic Church to a broad range of education, healthcare, humanitarian and pastoral projects which enable Eastern Christians to remain in their homelands.

The chairman represented FACE at the Ministerial Conference on Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB), at the Queen Elizabeth II Centre in Westminster from 4th – 6th July 2022, which was organised by the British Government and attracted over 700 delegates from around the world to London for two days of presentations, discussions, and exhibitions.

The trustees held their annual Mass for FACE's trustees, executive, volunteers and donors, at Allen Hall, Chelsea, on 9th December 2022, for which the principal celebrant was Cardinal Fitzgerald and the preacher Canon Dr Robert Gibbons. The Mass was followed by dinner at which Rt Rev. Kenneth Nowakowski, Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of the Holy Family of London, was guest of honour and speaker.

EXECUTIVE ACTIVITY

During the financial year, a full-time salaried fundraiser managed fundraising activities in:

- Fundraising through donation from individuals;
- Fundraising through donation from trusts and foundations;
- Fundraising through donation from major donors;

Administration, communications, public relations, and maintenance of information technology, accounting and data systems, and social media, were carried out by a well-trained team of volunteers.

**FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

FINANCIAL REVIEW

There was a significant reduction in income compared with the last year as the charity faced a tighter funding regime. During the year, the charity generated income of £89.7k (2021: £280.2k) mainly consisting of grants and donations. Grants amounted to £75.3k and included:

- £32.0k - funding for FACE's infrastructure and core costs.
- £28.9k - to support Ethiopia
- £0.8k - to support the Holy Land (Gaza)
- £7.8k - to support Syria
- £5.8k - to support Ukraine

Donations of £10.7k included £3.7k for the Syrian earthquake, with collections and gift aid claims accounting for £7.0k.

Expenditure also saw a reduction from £215.6k to £89.8k. Charitable donations paid amounted to £41.9k (2021: £141.0k) including the utilisation of the afore-mentioned restricted project donations. The reduction in levels of activity resulted in a reduction in staff. Other support costs incurred in the year were in line with similar expenditure in the prior year.

The year ended with a break-even position (2022: £64.7k). Closing reserves of £179.9k comprised of unrestricted funds of £96.4k and restricted funds of £83.5k.

RESERVES POLICY

By the end of the period the charity's net assets stood at just under £180k. Of this sum, £96.4k was held as "free" or unrestricted funds. Whilst this may appear low in relation to annual expenditure. The trustees will seek to accumulate reserves to provide the charity with an adequate capital base. Their target for "free" reserves once the Core Costs Fund has been utilised is currently set at £60k. The charity held restricted funds at the year-end of £83.5k.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

It is the intention of the trustees to expand the work of the charity along the lines set out in the Activities section of this report (above). This will include recruiting a Fundraising Manager (Major Donors) and a trainee Fundraiser and expanding the voluntary team.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare for each financial year financial statements which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the year end. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Adopt the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for ensuring proper accounting records are kept which 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 charity's constitution and the disclosure regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of error, fraud and other irregularities.

Signed as authorised on behalf of the Trustees on 5 November 2023 by:



John Fox
Chair of trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT

As the charity trustees of the Trust 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 Trust 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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13 November 2023

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £ (see Note 9)
INCOME from					
<i>Donations and Legacies:</i>					
Grants receivable	1	32,008	43,321	75,329	265,217
Donations		6,572	4,124	10,696	13,138
<i>Other Trading Activities:</i>					
Events		2,803	-	2,803	-
Other income		834	-	834	1,876
Total income		<u>42,217</u>	<u>47,445</u>	<u>89,662</u>	<u>280,231</u>
EXPENDITURE on					
Charitable activities	2	1,200	88,620	89,820	215,548
Total expenditure		<u>1,200</u>	<u>88,620</u>	<u>89,820</u>	<u>215,548</u>
Net movement in funds before transfers		41,017	(41,175)	(158)	64,683
Transfers between Funds	8	(1,015)	1,015	-	-
Net movement in Funds		40,002	(40,160)	(158)	64,683
Reconciliation of Funds					
Funds brought forward		56,419	123,643	180,062	115,379
Funds carried forward		<u>£96,421</u>	<u>£83,483</u>	<u>£179,904</u>	<u>£180,062</u>

All recognised gains and losses in the current year are included in the income and expenditure account.

All operations are continuing activities.

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 5 APRIL 2023

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	6	5,126	6,054
Cash at bank and in hand		182,446	277,984
		<u>187,572</u>	<u>284,038</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(7,668)	(103,976)
		<u>179,904</u>	<u>180,062</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS AND NET ASSETS		<u>£179,904</u>	<u>£180,062</u>
FUNDS AND RESERVES			
Unrestricted – General Fund		96,421	56,419
Restricted funds	8	83,483	123,643
		<u>£179,904</u>	<u>£180,062</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 5 November 2023 and signed on their behalf by:



John Fox

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST
PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

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

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared for the year to 5 April 2023 with comparative information provided in respect to the year to 5 April 2022.

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 (FRS 102) (Second Edition effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.
The accounts are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Preparation of the accounts may require the Trustees to make significant judgements and estimates.

The Trustees consider that there were no such key areas in the accounts where these judgements and estimates have had to be made.

Assessment of going concern

The Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these accounts. The Trustees have made this assessment in respect to a period of one year from the date of approval of these accounts. The Trustees of the Charity have concluded that there are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees are of the opinion that the charity will have sufficient resources to meet its liabilities as they fall due. Any significant areas of judgement that affect items in the accounts are detailed above. With regard to the next accounting period, the year ending 5 April 2024, the Trustees consider that there are no significant areas that affect the carrying value of the assets held by the Charity.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the net movement in funds.

Income recognition

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity has entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Income comprises grants, donations, investment income and other income. Donations are recognised when the charity has confirmation of both the amount and settlement date. In the event of donations pledged but not received, the amount is accrued for where the receipt is considered probable. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

In accordance with the Charities SORP FRS 102 volunteer time is not recognised.

Legacies are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the legacy, the executors have established that there are sufficient surplus assets in the estate to pay the legacy, and any conditions attached to the legacy are within the control of the charity.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST
PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure comprises direct costs and support costs. All expenses, including support costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. The classification between activities is as follows:

- ◆ Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure associated with raising funds for the charity.
- ◆ Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs associated with furthering the charitable purposes of the Charity through the provision of its charitable activities. Such costs include charitable grants and donations, direct and support costs in respect of the operations of the charity.

Charitable grants and donations are made where the Trustees consider there is real need following a review of the details of each particular case and comprise single year payments rather than multi-year grants.

Grants payable are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when approved and when the intended recipient has either received the funds or been informed of the decision to make the grant and has satisfied all performance conditions. Grants approved but not paid at the end of the financial year are accrued. Grants where the beneficiary has not been informed or has to fulfil performance conditions before the grant is released are not accrued for but are disclosed as financial commitments in the notes to the accounts.

All expenditure is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Support costs represent indirect charitable expenditure. In order to carry out the primary purposes of the charity it is necessary to provide support in the form of personnel and administrative functions.

Tangible fixed assets

Any assets costing more than £2,000 and with an expected useful life exceeding one year are capitalised.

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at their settlement amount, less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid. They are discounted to the present value of the future cash receipt where such discounting is material.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents such accounts and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition. Deposits for more than three months but less than one year have been disclosed as short-term deposits. Cash placed on deposit for more than one year is disclosed as a fixed asset investment.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash payment where such discounting is material.

Fund structure

General or Unrestricted Funds represent those monies which are freely available for application towards achieving any charitable purpose that falls within the Charity's charitable objects. Restricted Funds comprise monies raised for, or their use restricted to a specific purpose by means of donor-imposed conditions.

Pension schemes

A defined contribution scheme is available for Staff. Contributions in respect of the defined contribution pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities when they are payable to the scheme. The Charity's contributions are limited to the contributions disclosed in note 4. There were no outstanding contributions at the year end. The Charity has no liability beyond making its contributions and paying across the deductions for the employees' contributions.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

1. GRANTS RECEIVABLE	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
ADYAN Foundation, in supporting Feshet Sama Centre, Homs and Aleppo, Syria	-	-	-	2,500
For School of Sisters of Besançon, Baabda, Beirut	-	-	-	2,000
For Capuchin Sisters of Mother Rubatto, Segheneyti, Eritrea	-	-	-	500
For University of St Joseph Medical School, Beirut, Lebanon	-	-	-	18,800
For Rosary Sisters' Hospital, Beirut, Lebanon	-	-	-	10,000
For Archdiocese of Mosul's Joinery in Karamlesh, Iraq	-	-	-	3,000
For Le Senevé, Homs, Syria	-	5,500	5,500	3,000
For the Rosary Sisters, Aleppo, Syria	-	-	-	40,000
Archdiocese of Kirkuk's Mercy House, Iraq	-	-	-	40,000
For Beit Gazo Centre, Beirut, Lebanon	-	-	-	6,849
For the Marthandam Integrated Development Society, Diocese of Marthandam, Tamil Nadu, India.	-	-	-	625
the Hananeyta Nursery in Alitena, Tigray	-	-	-	440
For Missionaries of the Mother of God, Sighet, Romania	-	-	-	2,380
For the Ethiopian Catholic Church's primary and secondary schools	-	-	-	25,000
St Joseph's Mission, Ethiopia	-	25,750	25,750	-
Shashemene School, Ethiopia	-	2,500	2,500	-
Selam Youth Centre, Kombolcha	-	600	600	-
Rosary Sisters' School, Gaza	-	800	800	-
St Francis Parish, Aleppo	-	2,377	2,377	-
Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Food Aid	-	5,794	5,794	-
For FACE's projects in Iraq	-	-	-	545
For FACE's projects in Lebanon	-	-	-	550
For FACE's core costs	-	-	-	80,872
FACE's General Fund	32,008	-	32,008	28,156
	<u>£32,008</u>	<u>£43,321</u>	<u>£75,329</u>	<u>£265,217</u>
Prior Year 2022				
Grants	<u>£28,156</u>	<u>£237,061</u>	<u>£265,217</u>	

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2023

2. EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Charitable activities				
Charitable project - Grants				
ADYAN Foundation (Feshet Sama Centre, Homs and Aleppo, Syria)	-	-	-	1,813
School of Sisters of Besançon, Baabda, Beirut	-	-	-	2,375
Capuchin Sisters of Mother Rubatto, Segheneyti, Eritrea	-	-	-	515
University of St Joseph Medical School, Beirut, Lebanon	-	-	-	18,800
Rosary Sisters' Hospital, Beirut, Lebanon	-	-	-	10,100
Archdiocese of Mosul (Joinery in Karamlesh, Iraq)	-	-	-	2,650
Le Senevé, Homs, Syria	-	4,750	4,750	2,215
Rosary Sisters School, Aleppo, Syria	-	-	-	36,000
Archdiocese of Kirkuk, Iraq (Mercy House)	-	-	-	35,500
Beit Gazo Centre, Beirut, Lebanon	-	-	-	5,243
Marthandam Integrated Development Society (MIDS), Diocese of Marthandam, Tamil Nadu, India.	-	-	-	575
Hananeyta Nursery in Alitena, Tigray	-	-	-	415
Missionaries of the Mother of God, Sighet, Romania	-	-	-	2,800
Ethiopian Catholic Church's primary and secondary schools	-	-	-	22,028
St Joseph's Mission, Ethiopia	-	22,745	22,745	-
Shashemene School, Ethiopia	-	2,265	2,265	-
Selam Youth Centre, Kombolcha	-	1,615	1,615	-
St Francis Parish, Aleppo	-	5,341	5,341	-
Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Food Aid	-	5,230	5,230	-
	-	41,946	41,946	141,029
Direct costs				
Staff Costs	-	33,355	33,355	62,315
	-	33,355	33,355	62,315
Support costs				
Telephone, Postage and Stationery	-	2,539	2,539	2,539
Travel expenses	-	1,445	1,445	1,420
Equipment, IT, Website and Software	-	5,163	5,163	4,850
Events	-	2,232	2,232	1,227
Other Expenses	-	1,940	1,940	968
Governance costs				
Independent Examiner's fee	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
	1,200	13,319	14,519	12,204
Total Expenditure	£1,200	£88,620	£89,820	£215,548

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2. EXPENDITURE (Continued)

2022 Comparative	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £
Charitable activities			
Charitable project - Grants			
ADYAN Foundation (Feshet Sama Centre, Homs and Aleppo, Syria)	-	1,813	1,813
School of Sisters of Besançon, Baabda, Beirut	375	2,000	2,375
Capuchin Sisters of Mother Rubatto, Segheneyti, Eritrea	15	500	515
University of St Joseph Medical School, Beirut, Lebanon	-	18,800	18,800
Rosary Sisters' Hospital, Beirut, Lebanon	100	10,000	10,100
Archdiocese of Mosul (Joinery in Karamlesh, Iraq)	-	2,650	2,650
Le Senevé, Homs, Syria	-	2,215	2,215
Rosary Sisters School, Aleppo, Syria	-	36,000	36,000
Archdiocese of Kirkuk, Iraq (Mercy House)	-	35,500	35,500
Beit Gazo Centre, Beirut, Lebanon	-	5,243	5,243
Marthandam Integrated Development Society (MIDS), Diocese of Marthandam, Tamil Nadu, India.	-	575	575
Hananeyta Nursery in Alitena, Tigray	-	415	415
Missionaries of the Mother of God, Sighet, Romania	420	2,380	2,800
Ethiopian Catholic Church's primary and secondary schools	-	22,028	22,028
	<u>910</u>	<u>140,119</u>	<u>141,029</u>
Direct costs			
Staff Costs	-	62,315	62,315
	-	62,315	62,315
Support costs			
Telephone, Postage and Stationery	-	2,539	2,539
Travel expenses	-	1,420	1,420
Equipment, IT, Website and Software	-	4,850	4,850
Events	-	1,227	1,227
Other Expenses	-	968	968
Governance costs			
Independent Examiner's fee	-	1,200	1,200
	-	12,204	12,204
Total Payments	<u>£910</u>	<u>£214,638</u>	<u>£215,548</u>

3. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Charitable activities				
Fees payable to independent examiner (including VAT) after-date	<u>£1,200</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£1,200</u>	<u>£1,200</u>

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4. STAFF COSTS AND REMUNERATION OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Wages & salaries	32,565	59,287
Social security costs	-	1,639
Pension contributions	790	1,389
	<u>£33,355</u>	<u>£62,315</u>

The average number of staff employed in the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Administration	<u>1</u>	<u>5</u>

No employee has received remuneration at a rate of £60,000 per annum or more (2022: Nil).

5. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION & RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Reimbursement of trustees' expenses to trustees (2022: none) amounted to	<u>£-</u>	<u>£-</u>

Under Clause 6 (2) of the CIO's constitution, a Charity Trustee or Connected Person may enter into a contract for the supply of services, or of goods that are supplied in connection with the provision of services, to the CIO where that is permitted in accordance with, and subject to the conditions in sections, 185 to 188 of the Charities Act 2011.

No trustee received any remuneration for trustee services from the charity during the year.

6. DEBTORS

	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Other debtors	1,002	5,216
Accrued income	4,124	838
	<u>£5,126</u>	<u>£6,054</u>

7. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Other taxes and Social Security	1,127	853
Other creditors – grants payable	5,341	101,923
Accruals	1,200	1,200
	<u>£7,668</u>	<u>£103,976</u>

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8. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Year ended 5 April 2023	Balance at start of year £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	Balance at end of year £
St Joseph's Mission, Ethiopia	-	25,750	(25,750)	-	-
Shashemene School, Ethiopia	-	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Selam Youth Centre, Kombolcha	-	600	(1,615)	1,015	-
Rosary Sisters' School, Gaza	-	800	-	-	800
St Francis Parish, Aleppo	-	6,097	(6,097)	-	-
Le Senevé Centre, Homs	-	5,500	(5,500)	-	-
Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Food Aid	-	6,198	(5,753)	-	445
For FACE's projects in Iraq	545	-	-	-	545
For FACE's projects in Lebanon	550	-	-	-	550
Core Costs	122,548	-	(41,405)	-	81,143
	<u>£123,643</u>	<u>£47,445</u>	<u>£(88,620)</u>	<u>£1,015</u>	<u>£83,483</u>

Year ended 5 April 2022	Balance at start of year £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at end of year £
ADYAN Foundation (Feshet Sama Centre)	-	2,500	(2,500)	-
School of Sisters of Besançon, Baabda	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Capuchin Sisters of Mother Rubatto, Eritrea	-	500	(500)	-
University of St Joseph School, Beirut	-	18,800	(18,800)	-
Rosary Sisters' Hospital, Beirut, Lebanon	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
Archdiocese of Mosul (Joinery in Karamlesh)	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
Le Senevé, Homs, Syria	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
Rosary Sisters School, Aleppo, Syria	-	40,000	(40,000)	-
Archdiocese of Kirkuk (Mercy House)	-	40,000	(40,000)	-
Beit Gazo Centre, Beirut, Lebanon	-	6,849	(6,849)	-
Marthandam Integrated Development Society	-	625	(625)	-
Hananeyta Nursery in Alitena, Tigray	-	440	(440)	-
Missionaries of the Mother of God, Romania	-	2,380	(2,380)	-
Ethiopian Catholic Schools Fund:				
Shashamane School for the Blind	-	4,300	(4,300)	-
Lideta Catholic Cathedral School	-	4,300	(4,300)	-
St Joseph's Mission Hostel	-	2,200	(2,200)	-
Bucama Nursery	-	2,200	(2,200)	-
Vicariate of Soddo, Ethiopia (8 schools)	-	12,000	(12,000)	-
For FACE's projects in Iraq	-	545	-	545
For FACE's projects in Lebanon	-	550	-	550
Core Costs	101,220	80,872	(59,544)	122,548
	<u>£101,220</u>	<u>£237,061</u>	<u>£(214,638)</u>	<u>£123,643</u>

The above funds were held entirely as cash at bank at the end of the year.

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Restricted Funds

Adyan Foundation Fund, Lebanon & Syria. The Fund was set up to finance, via the Adyan Foundation, the Feshet Sama Centre in Syria, which provides education and psychological support to displaced children and young people in Syria. This charitable spending relates to FACE's missions in education and pastoral support.

School of Sisters of Besançon, Baabda, Lebanon Fund. This Fund was set up to purchase equipment (desks and computers) for the school. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in education.

Capuchin Sisters of Mother Rubatto, Segheneyti, Eritrea Fund. The Fund was set up to finance 20 girls in Eritrea to complete their secondary education at a boarding school in Segheneyti, run by the Capuchin Sisters of the Mother Rubatto. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in education.

University of St Joseph, Beirut, Lebanon. FACE Scholarship Fund. The Fund was set up to finance scholarships for nursing students at the University of St Joseph. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in education and healthcare provision.

Rosary Sisters' Hospital, Beirut, Lebanon Fund. The Fund was set up to supplement the salaries of medical professionals and provide medicines. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in healthcare provision.

Archdiocese of Mosul. Joinery in Karamlesh, Iraq Fund. The Fund was set up to finance the manufacture of pews by the Karamless Joinery for the benefit of the Al Tahira Church in Qaraqosh. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in pastoral support and the advancement of Christianity.

Le Senevé, Homs, Syria Fund. The Fund was set up to finance Le Senevé Day Care Centre in Homs run by the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for children. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in education.

Rosary Sisters, Aleppo, Syria Fund. The Fund was set up to finance the rebuilding the Rosary School, which was destroyed in the civil war in 2011. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in education.

Archdiocese of Kirkuk-Sulaymaniyah, Iraq Mercy House Fund. The Fund was established to provide furnishing for Mercy House, a newly constructed medical centre. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in healthcare, interreligious dialogue and the advancement of Christianity.

Beit Gazo Centre, Beirut, Lebanon Fund. The Fund was set up to finance the restoration of a 16th century Syriac lectionary. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in the advancement of Christianity and the preservation of its heritage.

Marthandam Integrated Development Society (MIDS), Diocese of Marthandam, Tamil Nadu, India Fund. The Fund was set up to finance emergency assistance for 300 impoverished families who lost their livelihoods as a result of the Covid pandemic. Families were provided with food and medication. This charitable spending related to FACE's mission in healthcare, pastoral support and poverty relief.

Hananeyta Nursery School, Tigray, Ethiopia Fund. The fund was set up to finance the provision of food for 150 children at the school. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in education and poverty relief.

Ethiopian Catholic Schools Fund. The Fund was set up to finance several schools in Ethiopia, and has enabled 1,864 of the poorest children to access quality education, specialist equipment and nutritious food through its grants to: Shashamane School for the Blind in Shashamane; the Lideta Catholic Cathedral School in Addis Ababa; St Joseph's Mission Hostel in Danka Dembidolo; and the Bucama Nursery in Bucama. The Fund has also provided meals for four months for 1,360 infants at 8 nursery schools in the Vicariate of Soddo. This charitable spending relates to FACE's missions in education and pastoral support.

Core Costs. Restricted donations to cover core costs in FACE's 5-year business plan.

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Latin Parish of St Francis Aleppo Fund. The fund was set up to finance the re-building of 5 properties to house homeless families from the earthquake. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in humanitarian relief and pastoral support.

Selim Youth Centre Kombolcha Fund. The fund was set up to finance the purchase of furniture, books and computers. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in pastoral support and education.

Rosary Sisters' School Gaza Fund. The fund was set up to provide scholarships which cover the tuition fees of the children of impoverished families. This charitable spending, drawn from FACE's Holy Land Fund, relates to FACE's mission in education.

Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church Fund. The fund was set up to finance emergency food rations to parishes in the war-ravaged oblasts of Ukraine. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in humanitarian relief and pastoral support.

9. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR PREVIOUS YEAR

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £
INCOME from			
Grants receivable	28,156	237,061	265,217
Donations	13,138	-	13,138
Other income	1,876	-	1,876
Total income	<u>43,170</u>	<u>237,061</u>	<u>280,231</u>
EXPENDITURE on			
Charitable activities	910	214,638	215,548
Total expenditure	<u>910</u>	<u>214,638</u>	<u>215,548</u>
Net income and net movement In Funds	42,260	22,423	64,683
Reconciliation of Funds			
Funds brought forward	<u>14,159</u>	<u>101,220</u>	<u>115,379</u>
Funds carried forward	<u>£56,419</u>	<u>£123,643</u>	<u>£180,062</u>

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

England & Wales - Charity number 1178592

Accounts

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST
(also known as FACE)

(Registered Charity No: 1178592)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
ACCOUNTS

5 APRIL 2022

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

REGISTERED NAME	Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East
TRADING NAME	FACE
TRUSTEES	John Fox (Chair of Trustees) Revd. Pascal Boidin (retired 22 nd February 2022) Ms Maureen Glackin (retired 30 th October 2021) Mr Martin Lupton The Most Reverend Timothy Radcliffe (retired 14 April 2021) Mr Christopher Sayer Mr Anthony Speaight (retired 28 th September 2021) Mr Dominic Tayler
PRINCIPAL OFFICE	FACE Charity Judge Sykes Frixou York House 23 Kingsway London WC2B 6YF
GOVERNING INSTRUMENT	CIO constitution registered 31 May 2018, and amended by resolution dated 12/07/2021, in accordance with Charity Commission consent granted on 02/07/2021)
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1178592
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Olayinka Tomori ACA, DChA Longmeade Consult Ltd Regus House Admirals Park Victory Way Dartford
BANKERS	NatWest Bank Strand PO Box 414 38 Strand London WC2H 5JB
SOLICITORS	Mr Timothy O'Callaghan (solicitor) Judge Sykes Frixou York House 23 Kingsway London WC2B 6YF

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

The trustees present their report and the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5th April 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (Second Edition effective 1 January 2019).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (also known as FACE) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), incorporated under a CIO constitution registered with the Charity Commission on 31 May 2018. The charity is governed by a board of trustees.

Appointment of Trustees

The trustees, who are normally appointed on a 3-year mandate, have the power to appoint and remove trustees by resolution.

Management

The Board of Trustees meets as required to manage the affairs of the charity.

CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

The objects of the charity are:

- (1) To provide for the relief of poverty and sickness to people in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India and surrounding territories, for the public benefit by the provision of grants to local organisations, in particular but not limited to those under the patronage of the Eastern Churches;
- (2) To advance education in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India and surrounding territories, for the public benefit by the provision of grants to places of learning, in particular but not exclusively to those under the patronage of the Eastern Churches;
- (3) To advance the Christian religion in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India, for the public benefit by supporting and promoting the Eastern Churches, in particular but not exclusively in places where Christians are suffering from persecution, oppression or discrimination;
- (4) To promote knowledge, mutual understanding, tolerance and respect between persons of different faiths in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India and surrounding territories, by facilitating ecumenical and interreligious relations; and
- (5) To advance the education of the public in the United Kingdom by the dissemination of information and the provision of educational resources which promote a greater awareness and understanding of the Eastern Churches, and which strengthen pastoral bonds between Eastern and Western Christians.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

PRIME GOVERNANCE

As this is the fourth year of operation, the focus of the trustees has been on developing fundraising strategy and expanding the fundraising activities. Set out below is a summary of how the charity is operating.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

MISSION

Our Aim

Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (FACE) helps Eastern Christians to remain in their homelands where Christianity was born and first spread. FACE enables people of all faiths and none in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa, South-East Europe and India to free themselves from a life of poverty, inequality and injustice. Together with the local Christian communities, FACE aims to bring lasting change to those regions through long-term projects in education, healthcare, pastoral support and interreligious dialogue.

FACE strives to preserve the heritage of the Eastern Churches so that Eastern Christians remain a living testament to the roots, legitimacy and beneficence of the Christian presence in Arabic, African, Asian and European society, and continue to be mediators of peace and goodwill in their multi-faith communities. Our work benefits the multi-faith communities in which Eastern Christians live - regardless of race or creed. FACE believes in the sanctity of life; in the dignity of the individual; in the right of each individual to liberty, equality, justice and well-being; and in the protection of the Earth's resources.

Who are the Eastern Christians?

There remain less than 25 million Eastern Christians living in the Middle East and surrounding region, though their number continues to diminish as they are forced into exile. Those that remain are invariably treated as second-class citizens and face discrimination, inequality, injustice and poverty. For Western Christians, they provide a direct link to the Early Church, leading us to the roots of Christianity and showing us, through their tradition and witness, a living faith in Christ. In spite of their precarious status in not being fully-fledged citizens in their own lands, they have found a role as mediators in Arab society, guaranteeing peace in a fragile socio-political system and making an important economic contribution through professional activity.

Our values

- FACE is a Christian charity which is inspired by the Word of God, Catholic Social Teaching and the traditions of the Catholic Church.
- FACE lives out Christ's message of love through devotion and humble service to Eastern Christians, as well as to others of all faiths and none.
- FACE believes in the power of prayer to guide and strengthen its mission; to express solidarity with those who suffer because of their devotion to Christ and his Church; and to grow pastoral bonds between Western and Eastern Christians.
- FACE believes in the sanctity of life; in human life as a gift from God; in the dignity of the individual; in the right of each individual to liberty, equality, justice and well-being; in reverence for Nature; and in the protection of the Earth's resources.
- FACE believes in the freedom of belief, thought, expression of every person, not only as individuals but also as members of a community.
- FACE believes that the protection of places of worship is a duty for all.
- FACE, in serving Eastern Christians, supports the multi-faith communities in which the Eastern Christians live - to the benefit of all, regardless of race or creed.
- FACE strives for an end to poverty through education, healthcare and welfare support.
- FACE promotes unity and reconciliation in the Middle East.
- FACE strives to enable and strengthen ecumenical and interreligious relations, as well as to build peaceful and harmonious community relations.
- FACE is inspired by the courage and devotion of Eastern Christians, who remain loyal to Christ in the face of oppression and persecution, by their Christian witness to the love of God and neighbour, their trust in Divine Providence, their embrace of peace and goodwill between all peoples, and their perseverance in Hope.

What we do

FACE delivers grant aid to projects in education, healthcare, pastoral support and interreligious dialogue, across the Middle East, North Africa, the Horn of Africa, South-East Europe and India.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

MISSION (continued)

Our charitable activities

FACE's principal concern and responsibility is to support those who suffer from discrimination, poverty, injustice and inequality by means of:

- HUMANITARIAN AID through rapid response emergency relief schemes;
- EDUCATION through supporting nursery, primary and secondary schools, orphanages, professional training centres, and universities;
- HEALTHCARE through funding health centres, dispensaries, hospitals, institutions for the disabled, care homes, retirement homes and sheltered accommodation;
- PASTORAL SUPPORT through the formation of the religious; the training of catechists and lay ministers; the welfare support of priests in need, particularly those for whom no healthcare or elderly care system exists;
- INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE through supporting schools, universities, dispensaries, hospitals and community centres which are accessible to all, of all faiths and none.

Our projects

FACE's projects enable Eastern Christians (and others, of other faiths and none):

- to rebuild their homes and communities
- to educate their children
- to create employment opportunities
- to secure the maintenance of their churches, schools, hospitals and care homes
- to promote ecumenical and interreligious relations
- to be peacemakers in their multi-faith communities
- to strengthen pastoral bonds with Western Churches.

How we do it?

FACE gives financial support to projects in education, healthcare, pastoral support, and humanitarian aid, which are organised by the local Christian communities, dioceses, parishes and religious congregations.

FACE devotes itself and all its resources exclusively to supporting such projects.

FACE works in close partnership with the French NGO, Oeuvre d'Orient, and the patriarchs, bishops and religious of the Eastern Churches, to fulfil the projects.

Who benefits from FACE's activities?

Christians of the Eastern Churches in the Middle East, North Africa, the Horn of Africa, India and Ukraine, as well as those of all faiths and none who co-exist in their multi-faith communities.

How do they benefit?

The Christian communities, as well as those of other faiths who are living in proximity, are eligible to receive the benefit of our education, healthcare and pastoral projects.

What is the unfulfilled need?

The unfulfilled need in Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, Ethiopia, Eritrea and Ukraine is the restoration of peace, reconciliation, and the rebuilding of community life in the towns and villages, as well as an integrated citizenship and equality for all.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY

The charity fundraises through grants from trusts and foundations, individual giving, parish collections, and gift aid.

The charity does not engage in cold-calling, door to door or street fundraising. No complaints about fundraising activities have been received. However, if a complaint were to be received, we would undertake to resolve it promptly and would envisage that there would never be any need for any complaint to escalate to the stage of referral to the regulator.

It is the intention of the trustees to register with the Fundraising Regulator in the forthcoming year. Meanwhile, the trustees endeavour to adhere to the standards of the Fundraising Code of Practice.

The trustees are of the opinion that the charity's overall fundraising performance was good and was conducted fully in accordance with the above principles. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of all those who have given to the work of the charity.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

ADYAN Foundation. Feshet Sama Centre, Homs and Aleppo, Syria. The 'Space of Heaven Centre' (or 'Feshet Sama' in Arabic) was established in 2012 under the aegis of the Maronite Catholic Archdiocese of Aleppo, with funding from our sister agency L'Oeuvre d'Orient, to provide education and psychological support to displaced children and young people in Syria whose schooling has been interrupted due to the ongoing war. With a staff team of 15 and 85 volunteers, Feshet Sama offers classes in key subjects (including maths, languages, science, history, geography and philosophy) up to baccalaureate level for 475 children between the ages of eight and eighteen, with a further 50 children enrolled at a new centre in Hama and over 60 students accessing higher education. The centre also offers pastoral and practical support to more than 100 mothers. This charitable spending relates to FACE's missions in education and pastoral support.

School of Sisters of Besançon, Baabda, Beirut. The school is facing the double challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic coupled with Lebanon's financial crisis. The devaluation of the Lebanese pound and consequent hyperinflation have created a desperate situation where families are no longer able to make ends meet, let alone pay the modest school fees. Teachers' salaries are no longer able to cover the grossly inflated petrol prices and cost of living. This situation has led to a national brain drain where teachers are leaving the country in search of better opportunities for survival. Moreover, where parents or schools do not have the means to cover the tuition fees, children remain at home and so miss out on their education. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in education.

Shashamane School for the Blind, Lideta Catholic Cathedral School, St Joseph's Mission Hostel, Bucama Nursery, Vicariate of Sodo, Ethiopia. Support to Catholic Schools and Nurseries, Ethiopia. With its population of over 100 million inhabitants, Ethiopia remains one of the poorest and most underdeveloped countries in the world. Bordering six countries in a politically volatile region, Ethiopia is the second largest host of refugees in Africa. 48 per cent of the population is under 15 years old, and more than 77 children in 1,000 are malnourished. Although most children enrol in school, the majority do not complete their education. FACE's project is enabling 1,864 of the poorest children to access quality education, specialist equipment and nutritious food. The following schools are being supported: Shashamane School for the Blind run by the Franciscan Sisters of St Mary of the Angels in Shashamane; the Lideta Catholic Cathedral School in Addis Ababa; St Joseph's Mission Hostel run by the Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul in Danka Dembidolo; the Bucama Nursery run by the Franciscan Sisters of Notre Dame in Bucama. FACE is also providing meals for four months for 1,360 infants at 8 nursery schools in the Vicariate of Sodo. This charitable spending relates to FACE's missions in education and pastoral support.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

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CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES (continued)

Capuchin Sisters of Mother Rubatto, Segheneyti, Eritrea. Support for Girls' Education. Gender disparity in education is still starkly prevalent in Eritrea and drop-out rates among girls are very high. Many factors contribute to the gender gap: child or forced marriage; the expectation that girls must help in the home, caring for younger siblings, cleaning and cooking; school distance. Approximately 38 per cent of girls in Eritrea leave school to get married. FACE is supporting 20 girls to complete their secondary education at a boarding school in Segheneyti run by our partners, the Capuchin Sisters of the Mother Rubatto. Through education the Sisters are transforming young girls' lives by advancing their development, empowering them to escape the poverty trap and under-age marriage, and enabling their inclusion in Eritrean society and public life. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in education.

University of St Joseph, Beirut, Lebanon. Scholarships for Nursing Students. Since 2019 - and at a more accelerated pace since the explosion in the port of Beirut in 2020 - Lebanon has seen its nurses leave the country in large numbers in search for better employment opportunities and working conditions abroad. Job insecurity, delays in salary payments, reduction in wages and compulsory leave without pay brought about by the crisis, are some of the challenges which have prompted their departure. There has also been a sharp decrease in the enrolment of new nursing students. FACE is funding scholarships for nursing students at the University of St Joseph, to address the shortage of nurses in Lebanon and support the dangerously over-stretched healthcare system. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in education and healthcare.

Rosary Sisters' Hospital, Beirut, Lebanon. Salary supplement for medical professionals. As a result of the sharp devaluation of the Lebanese pound and spiralling inflation which now stands at 2,000%, the Lebanese people have lost approximately 90% of their purchasing power and are facing a desperate situation where they are no longer able to make ends meet. Hospitals need urgent financial aid to top up salaries in order to retain their staff and cover the crippling costs of fuel, energy and medication. FACE is supplementing the salaries of medical professionals at the Rosary Sisters' Hospital. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in healthcare.

Archdiocese of Mosul. Joinery in Karamlesh, Iraq. After the liberation of the towns in the Nineveh Plains following Daesh's two-year occupation, a reconstruction plan was launched in 2016. These towns are still rising from the ashes and their reconstruction continues. New and refurbished churches, schools, homes and public buildings also need to be speedily refurbished and made ready for the returning families. Our sister agency, Œuvre d'Orient, established a joinery workshop in Karamlesh in 2017, with the aim of crafting furniture locally and creating much-needed employment for local people. The joinery has been hugely successful, and apprentices work long hours to meet the huge demand for pews, doors, windows, roofs, wardrobes, bookcases and desks, for churches, convents, homes, schools and care homes. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in inter-religious dialogue and the advancement of Christianity.

Le Senevé, Homs, Syria. The civil war in Syria is in its eleventh year. More than half of the population has been displaced, including six million people within Syria and more than five million who have fled to neighbouring countries. Children living with disabilities are particularly vulnerable to the trauma of war and to exclusion from society. Le Senevé is a day care centre run by the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for children and young people with learning disabilities, including Down Syndrome and Autism. The centre offers an educational programme that is adapted to the specific needs of each child. Le Senevé promotes peace and social integration between the different communities of Homs, raising awareness of disabilities and providing support to families with children with disabilities. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in healthcare, education and inter-religious dialogue.

Rosary Sisters, Aleppo, Syria. Rebuilding the Rosary School. The Congregation of the Rosary Sisters was founded in Jerusalem in 1885 under the auspices of the Latin Patriarchate. In 2009, the Congregation built a school in Aleppo for 1,000 pupils aged 3 to 18, which opened its doors in 2010. In 2011, the civil war forced the Rosary Sisters to close the school and relocate to a safer area in Aleppo. The school was confiscated and occupied by armed groups until 2020. After the liberation of Aleppo in 2020, the Sisters returned to find the school in ruins. The project to rebuild the Rosary School is well under way and nearing completion. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in education.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

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CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES (continued)

Archdiocese of Kirkuk-Sulaymaniyah. Mercy House. The exodus caused by the war has broken the fabric of Iraqi society: the younger generations have left, but their parents have stayed yet lost the support from family members who traditionally would look after them. The devastation of war has also greatly increased cases of mental illness and neurodegenerative diseases among the population. People suffering from Alzheimer's disease are particularly vulnerable as they no longer can look after themselves and need constant care. Archbishop Mirkis of the Archdiocese of Kirkuk-Sulaymaniyah decided to address the tragic situation of impoverished, sick and lonely people in his diocese living with diseases such as Alzheimer's and Autism. The construction of the five-storey Mercy House began in February 2018 and is now complete. Two floors will accommodate and treat elderly people *"without any distinction of religion, language or ethnicity"*; there is a research centre for Alzheimer's disease and training in Gerontology, and on the fifth floor, a Nursery School for autistic children to "bring life" to the centre, promote inter-generational connections and bring comfort to those feeling isolated and alone. The centre also houses a chapel, an auditorium, a pharmacy, a morgue and gardens. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in healthcare, inter-religious dialogue and the advancement of Christianity.

Beit Gazo Centre, Beirut, Lebanon. Restoration of a 16th century Syriac lectionary. The monastery of Our Lady of Charfet in Harissa, Lebanon, has been the seat of the Patriarchate of the Catholic Syriac Church since the beginning of the 19th century. It contains one of the finest libraries in the Near East housing an exceptional collection of Syriac and Arab Christian manuscripts: **The Charfet Collection.** FACE's partner, the Beit Gazo Centre, is undertaking the restoration of a 16th century lectionary in the Charfet Collection: **"Charfet Rahmani 108"**. This lectionary dates back to 1523. The restoration of this lectionary is considered of great importance for it contains Gospel texts which were read during Mass and on feast days, and it is a unique example from the period when the Melkite Church was transitioning from the Syriac language into Arabic. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in the advancement of Christianity and, in particular, the survival of Christianity in the Middle East.

Marthandam Integrated Development Society (MIDS), Diocese of Marthandam, Tamil Nadu, India. COVID-19 Emergency Appeal. Emergency assistance for 300 impoverished families who lost their livelihoods as a result of the pandemic. Families were provided with food and medication. This charitable spending related to FACE's mission in healthcare, pastoral outreach and poverty relief.

Hananeyta Nursery School, Alitena, Tigray, Ethiopia. Tigray Emergency Appeal. The Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul have been providing education, health and social care to impoverished communities in Ethiopia since 1927. They run five health care clinics, an eye clinic and education facilities ranging from crèches and kindergartens, primary and secondary schools, to a third level Montessori Teacher Training Institute. The Sisters have been serving the communities in the Eparchy of Bahir-Dar-Dessie since 1998 where they run a school, a kindergarten, a health clinic and a Women's Development Centre. The Hananeyta Kindergarten is the only kindergarten in the remote town of Alitena, attended by 150 children of impoverished rural families of all faiths and none. Many of the children are malnourished as a result of the food shortages due to the conflict in Tigray. The Sisters appealed for support to provide one hot meal a day for every child for a period of 10 months. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in healthcare, pastoral outreach, poverty relief and education.

International Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians. The annual event, organized in the UK by FACE, took place on Sunday, 9th May 2021 (Sixth Sunday of Easter), with the participation of Christians from all over Europe, the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India, and offered Eastern and Western Christians an opportunity to unite in prayer during the season of Easter. The event offered Christians in the UK a moment: to assure Eastern Christians of their prayers, support and solidarity; to come to a greater awareness and understanding of Eastern Christians and be inspired by their example of witness to Christ; to embrace the diaspora of Eastern Churches in the UK so that they feel fully part of the wider Catholic Church; and to become more aware of FACE's mission in supporting Eastern Christians through its projects in education, healthcare, pastoral support and inter-religious dialogue across the Middle East.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES (continued)

Webinar Series with heads of Eastern Churches.

- (i) On 24th April 2021, FACE organised and presented a webinar in the presence of Cardinal Louis Sako, Patriarch of Babylon, and head of the Chaldean Church, with the participation of Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald (as moderator) and Catholic bishops from England and Scotland. In front of an audience of clergy and laity drawn from over 12 countries across Europe and the Middle East, including representatives from leading international Catholic organisations and the Chaldean diaspora in the UK, the event offered the Patriarch a platform to highlight the challenges facing Christians in Iraq, not least the endemic corruption and sectarianism, and the discrimination against Christians.
- (ii) On 8th July 2021, FACE organised and presented a webinar in the presence of Cardinal Béchara Boutros Raï, Patriarch of Antioch, and head of the Maronite Church, with the participation of Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald (as moderator) and Catholic bishops from England and Scotland. The conference offered the Patriarch an opportunity to outline the political, economic and social challenges facing Lebanon, as well as the roadmap offered to the Eastern bishops by Pope Francis. In conclusion, the Patriarch called for an international summit on Lebanon.

TRUSTEE ACTIVITY

For the entirety of the financial year, all executive operations were run by the chair of trustees, John Fox, who made himself available pro bono and full-time, to manage all aspects of financial direction and administration, fundraising strategy, information technology, communications, public relations, human resources, recruitment and training, as well as to set up and maintain accounting and data systems. In the course of the financial year, John Fox was assisted by a team of four salaried fundraising executives. As a direct result of John Fox's voluntary service, FACE has been able to make a huge saving in labour costs and other expenses throughout the financial year.

During the financial year, the trustees held four quarterly meetings, in addition to regular Zoom meetings to deal with interim or high-priority matters; five Zoom meetings were held by its Finance sub-committee; three Zoom meetings were held by its Resources sub-committee; and the chair of trustees was in regular Zoom/WhatsApp and telephone contact with the trustees.

EXECUTIVE ACTIVITY

During the financial year, a salaried permanent executive team of up to four fundraisers managed fundraising activities in:

- Fundraising through donation from individuals and parishes;
- Fundraising through donation from trusts and foundations;
- Fundraising through donation from major donors;
- Fundraising through donation from online campaigns; and
- Fundraising through donation from parish collections.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income has grown since last year as the charity has increased its profile despite the constraints of the COVID lockdown. During the year, the charity generated income of £280.2k (2021: £262.5k) mainly consisting of grants and donations. Grants amounted £265.2k and included:

- £ 80.8k - funding for FACE's infrastructure and core costs.
- £ 0.5k – to support the Eritrea Emergency Fund
- £25.5k – to support Ethiopia
- £ 0.5k - to support India
- £ 43.3k – to support Iraq
- £ 31.5 k – to support Lebanon
- £ 42.5k – to support Syria
- £ 2.5k – to support Ukraine

Expenditure also increased, rising from £ 156.7k to £215.6k. Charitable donations paid amounted to £141.0k (2021: £ 67.8 k) including the utilisation of the afore-mentioned restricted project donations. With the higher levels of activity, more staff were employed. However, substantial one-off costs on advisory and consultant's fees in the prior year, resulted in the level of Operational and Support costs falling from £88.9 k in 2021 to £74.5k in 2022.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

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FINANCIAL REVIEW (continued)

There was therefore a surplus of £64.7k for the year (2021: £105.8 k), of which £123.6k (2021: £101.2k) related to Restricted Funds. This has been added to reserves to give closing reserves of £180.0k comprising unrestricted funds of £56.4k and restricted funds of £123.6k.

RESERVES POLICY

By the end of the period the charity's net assets stood at just over £180k. Of this sum, only £56.4k was held as "free" or unrestricted funds. Whilst this may appear low in relation to annual expenditure. The trustees will seek to accumulate reserves to provide the charity with an adequate capital base. Their target for "free" reserves, once the Core Costs Fund has been utilised is currently set at £60k. It has to be noted that the charity held a restricted fund standing at £123.6k at the year-end for Core Costs.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

It is the intention of the trustees to expand the work of the charity along the lines set out in the Activities section of this report (above). This will include recruiting a Fundraising Manager (Major Donors) and Fundraising Manager (Individuals & Parishes).

IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The period throughout the financial year has been one in which the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, both on general society and the economy, has been constricting. It has inevitably had an adverse effect on the activities of the charity, not least on account of the inability, in the first half of the financial year, to hold events and physical meetings with donors and to fundraise in parishes, and the need to continue the regime of home working. For that reason, FACE has focussed its fundraising on soliciting trusts and foundations and has managed to achieve an income equal to the previous year. The Trustees are confident that the cost-control measures they have put in place, combined with the adoption of a fundraising strategy that takes account of the new economic and philanthropic landscape during the pandemic period, are sufficient to ensure that the charity will continue as a 'going concern' through the next financial year. In short, the Trustees are confident that the business will be both live and operating; it will have all the parts and features necessary to keep it in operation; and it will be able to meet all of its liabilities and financial commitments for at least a year from the date of this report.

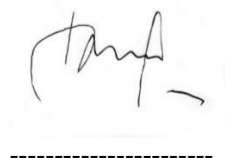
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare for each financial year financial statements which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the year end. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Adopt the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for ensuring proper accounting records are kept which 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 charity's constitution and the disclosure regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of error, fraud and other irregularities.

Signed as authorised on behalf of the Trustees on 19th August 2022 by:



John Fox
Chair of trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5 April 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and related notes.

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 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed. The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

It is my responsibility to:

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

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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 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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FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £ (see Note 9)
INCOME from					
Grants receivable	1	28,156	237,061	265,217	255,129
Donations		13,138	-	13,138	7,202
Other income		1,876	-	1,846	146
Total income		<u>43,170</u>	<u>237,061</u>	<u>280,231</u>	<u>262,477</u>
EXPENDITURE on					
Charitable activities	2	910	214,638	215,548	156,659
Total expenditure		<u>910</u>	<u>214,638</u>	<u>215,548</u>	<u>156,659</u>
Net income and net movement In Funds		42,260	22,423	64,683	105,818
Reconciliation of Funds					
Funds brought forward		<u>14,159</u>	<u>101,220</u>	<u>115,379</u>	<u>9,561</u>
Funds carried forward		<u>£56,419</u>	<u>£123,643</u>	<u>£180,062</u>	<u>£115,379</u>

All recognised gains and losses in the current year are included in the income and expenditure account.

All operations are continuing activities.

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2022

	Notes	£	2022	£	£	2021	£
CURRENT ASSETS							
Debtors	6	6,054			400		
Cash at bank and in hand		277,984			121,025		
		<u>284,038</u>			<u>121,425</u>		
CURRENT LIABILITIES							
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	7	(103,976)			(6,046)		
				180,062			115,379
NET CURRENT ASSETS AND NET ASSETS				<u>£180,062</u>			<u>£115,379</u>
FUNDS AND RESERVES							
Unrestricted – General Fund				56,419			14,159
Restricted funds	8			123,643			101,220
				<u>£180,062</u>			<u>£115,379</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 19th August 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



John Fox

The accompanying notes form part of these financial statements.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

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

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared for the year to 5 April 2022 with comparative information provided in respect to the year to 5 April 2021.

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 (FRS 102) (Second Edition effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Preparation of the accounts may require the Trustees to make significant judgements and estimates.

The Trustees consider that there were no such key areas in the accounts where these judgements and estimates have had to be made.

Assessment of going concern

The Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these accounts. The Trustees have made this assessment in respect to a period of one year from the date of approval of these accounts.

The Trustees of the Charity have concluded that there are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees are of the opinion that the charity will have sufficient resources to meet its liabilities as they fall due. Any significant areas of judgement that affect items in the accounts are detailed above. With regard to the next accounting period, the year ending 5 April 2022, the Trustees consider that there are no significant areas that affect the carrying value of the assets held by the Charity.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the net movement in funds.

Income recognition

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity has entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Income comprises grants, donations, investment income and other income. Donations are recognised when the charity has confirmation of both the amount and settlement date. In the event of donations pledged but not received, the amount is accrued for where the receipt is considered probable. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

In accordance with the Charities SORP FRS 102 volunteer time is not recognised.

Legacies are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the legacy, the executors have established that there are sufficient surplus assets in the estate to pay the legacy, and any conditions attached to the legacy are within the control of the charity.

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Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure comprises direct costs and support costs. All expenses, including support costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. The classification between activities is as follows:

- ◆ Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure associated with raising funds for the charity.
- ◆ Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs associated with furthering the charitable purposes of the Charity through the provision of its charitable activities. Such costs include charitable grants and donations, direct and support costs in respect of the operations of the charity.

Charitable grants and donations are made where the Trustees consider there is real need following a review of the details of each particular case and comprise single year payments rather than multi-year grants.

Grants payable are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when approved and when the intended recipient has either received the funds or been informed of the decision to make the grant and has satisfied all performance conditions. Grants approved but not paid at the end of the financial year are accrued. Grants where the beneficiary has not been informed or has to fulfil performance conditions before the grant is released are not accrued for but are disclosed as financial commitments in the notes to the accounts.

All expenditure is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Support costs represent indirect charitable expenditure. In order to carry out the primary purposes of the charity it is necessary to provide support in the form of personnel and administrative functions.

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PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

Tangible fixed assets

Any assets costing more than £2,000 and with an expected useful life exceeding one year are capitalised.

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at their settlement amount, less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid. They are discounted to the present value of the future cash receipt where such discounting is material.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents such accounts and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition. Deposits for more than three months but less than one year have been disclosed as short-term deposits. Cash placed on deposit for more than one year is disclosed as a fixed asset investment.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash payment where such discounting is material.

Fund structure

General or Unrestricted Funds represent those monies which are freely available for application towards achieving any charitable purpose that falls within the Charity's charitable objects.

Restricted Funds comprise monies raised for, or their use restricted to a specific purpose by means of donor imposed-conditions.

Pension schemes

A defined contribution scheme is available for Staff. Contributions in respect of the defined contribution pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities when they are payable to the scheme. The Charity's contributions are limited to the contributions disclosed in note 4. There were no outstanding contributions at the year end. The Charity has no liability beyond making its contributions and paying across the deductions for the employees' contributions.

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

1. GRANTS RECEIVABLE	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Oum Al Fadi Association in Lebanon	-	-	-	15,000
Dromintee Trust for the Immaculate Conception School, Beirut	-	-	-	50,000
ADYAN Foundation, in supporting Feshet Sama Centre, Homs and Aleppo, Syria	-	2,500	2,500	-
For School of Sisters of Besançon, Baabda, Beirut	-	2,000	2,000	-
For Capuchin Sisters of Mother Rubatto, Segheneyti, Eritrea	-	500	500	-
For University of St Joseph Medical School, Beirut, Lebanon	-	18,800	18,800	-
For Rosary Sisters' Hospital, Beirut, Lebanon	-	10,000	10,000	-
For Archdiocese of Mosul's Joinery in Karamlesh, Iraq	-	3,000	3,000	-
For Le Senevé, Homs, Syria	-	3,000	3,000	-
For the Rosary Sisters, Aleppo, Syria	-	40,000	40,000	-
Archdiocese of Kirkuk's Mercy House, Iraq	-	40,000	40,000	-
For Beit Gazo Centre, Beirut, Lebanon	-	6,849	6,849	-
For the Marthandam Integrated Development Society, Diocese of Marthandam, Tamil Nadu, India.	-	625	625	-
the Hananeyta Nursery in Alitena, Tigray	-	440	440	-
For Missionaries of the Mother of God, Sighet, Romania	-	2,380	2,380	-
For the Ethiopian Catholic Church's primary and secondary schools	-	25,000	25,000	-
For FACE's projects in Iraq	-	545	545	-
For FACE's projects in Lebanon	-	550	550	-
For FACE's core costs	-	80,872	80,872	190,129
FACE's General Fund	28,156	-	28,156	-
	<u>£28,156</u>	<u>£237,061</u>	<u>£265,217</u>	<u>£255,129</u>
Prior Year				
For the work of the Oum Al Fadi Association in Lebanon	<u>£-</u>	<u>£255,129</u>	<u>£255,129</u>	

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

2. EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Charitable activities				
Charitable project - Grants				
Oum Al Fadi (Redemptoris Mater, Beirut)	-	-	-	15,000
Immaculate Conception School in Beirut	-	-	-	52,750
ADYAN Foundation (Feshet Sama Centre, Homs and Aleppo, Syria)	-	1,813	1,813	-
School of Sisters of Besançon, Baabda, Beirut	375	2,000	2,375	-
Capuchin Sisters of Mother Rubatto, Segheneyti, Eritrea	15	500	515	-
University of St Joseph Medical School, Beirut, Lebanon	-	18,800	18,800	-
Rosary Sisters' Hospital, Beirut, Lebanon	100	10,000	10,100	-
Archdiocese of Mosul (Joinery in Karamlesh, Iraq)	-	2,650	2,650	-
Le Senevé, Homs, Syria	-	2,215	2,215	-
Rosary Sisters School, Aleppo, Syria	-	36,000	36,000	-
Archdiocese of Kirkuk, Iraq (Mercy House)	-	35,500	35,500	-
Beit Gazo Centre, Beirut, Lebanon	-	5,243	5,243	-
Marthandam Integrated Development Society (MIDS), Diocese of Marthandam, Tamil Nadu, India.	-	575	575	-
Hananeyta Nursery in Alitena, Tigray	-	415	415	-
Missionaries of the Mother of God, Sighet, Romania	420	2,380	2,800	-
Ethiopian Catholic Church's primary and secondary schools	-	22,028	22,028	-
	910	140,119	141,029	67,750
Direct costs				
Staff Costs	-	62,315	62,315	40,534
Advisory Fees	-	-	-	4,960
Consultant's Fees (see note 5)	-	-	-	30,000
	-	62,315	62,315	75,494
Support costs				
Telephone, Postage and Stationery	-	2,539	2,539	1,997
Travel expenses	-	1,420	1,420	1,380
Equipment, IT, Website and Software	-	4,850	4,850	7,679
Donor Hospitality	-	-	-	73
Events	-	1,227	1,227	-
Recruitment costs	-	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	968	968	1,126
Governance costs				
Trustee expenses	-	-	-	-
Independent Examiner's fee	-	1,200	1,200	1,160
	-	12,204	12,204	13,415
Total Payments	£910	£214,638	£215,548	£156,659

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2022

2. EXPENDITURE (continued)

Prior Year	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £
Charitable activities			
Charitable project - Grants			
Oum Al Fadi (Redemptoris Mater, Beirut)	-	15,000	15,000
Immaculate Conception School in Beirut	2,750	50,000	52,750
	<u>2,750</u>	<u>65,000</u>	<u>67,750</u>
Direct costs			
Staff Costs	-	40,534	40,534
Advisory Fees	-	4,960	4,960
Consultant's Fees (see note 5)	-	30,000	30,000
	<u>-</u>	<u>75,494</u>	<u>75,494</u>
Support costs			
Telephone, Postage and Stationery	-	1,997	1,997
Travel and Trustee expenses	-	1,380	1,380
Equipment, IT, Website and Software	-	7,679	7,679
Donor Hospitality	-	73	73
Events	-	-	-
Recruitment costs	-	-	-
Other Expenses	-	1,126	1,126
Governance costs			
Independent Examiner's fee	-	1,160	1,160
	<u>-</u>	<u>13,415</u>	<u>13,415</u>
Total Payments	<u>£2,750</u>	<u>£153,909</u>	<u>£156,659</u>

3. GOVERNANCE COSTS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Charitable activities				
Fees payable to independent examiner (including VAT) after-date	£-	£1,200	£1,200	£1,160
	<u>£-</u>	<u>£1,200</u>	<u>£1,200</u>	<u>£1,160</u>

4. STAFF COSTS AND REMUNERATION OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Wages & salaries	59,287	35,398
Social security costs	1,639	4,151
Pension contributions	1,389	985
	<u>£62,315</u>	<u>£40,534</u>

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4. STAFF COSTS AND REMUNERATION OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL (continued)

The average number of staff employed in the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Administration	5	3

No employee has received remuneration at a rate of £60,000 per annum or more (2021: Nil).

5. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION & RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
No trustee received any remuneration for trustee services from the charity during the year.		
Reimbursement of trustees' expenses to one trustee (2021: none) amounted to	£-	£121

Under Clause 6 (2) of the CIO's constitution, a Charity Trustee or Connected Person may enter into a contract for the supply of services, or of goods that are supplied in connection with the provision of services, to the CIO where that is permitted in accordance with, and subject to the conditions in sections, 185 to 188 of the Charities Act 2011.

In accordance with this Clause, the following sum was paid to John Fox (trustee) for Training Services.

£-	£30,000
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In the opinion of the trustees, they are the key management personnel of the CIO.

6. DEBTORS

	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Other debtors	5,216	-
Accrued income – gift aid receivable	838	400
	£6,054	£400

7. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Other taxes and Social Security	853	4,846
Other creditors – grants payable	101,923	-
Accruals	1,200	1,200
	£103,976	£6,046

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8. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Year ended 5 April 2022	Balance at start of year £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at end of year £
ADYAN Foundation (Feshet Sama Centre)	-	2,500	(2,500)	-
School of Sisters of Besançon, Baabda	-	2,000	(2,000)	-
Capuchin Sisters of Mother Rubatto, Eritrea	-	500	(500)	-
University of St Joseph School, Beirut	-	18,800	(18,800)	-
Rosary Sisters' Hospital, Beirut, Lebanon	-	10,000	(10,000)	-
Archdiocese of Mosul (Joinery in Karamlesh	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
Le Senevé, Homs, Syria	-	3,000	(3,000)	-
Rosary Sisters School, Aleppo, Syria	-	40,000	(40,000)	-
Archdiocese of Kirkuk (Mercy House)	-	40,000	(40,000)	-
Beit Gazo Centre, Beirut, Lebanon	-	6,849	(6,849)	-
Marthandam Integrated Development Society	-	625	(625)	-
Hananeyta Nursery in Alitena, Tigray	-	440	(440)	-
Missionaries of the Mother of God, Romania	-	2,380	(2,380)	-
<i>Ethiopian Catholic Schools Fund:</i>				
Shashamane School for the Blind	-	4,300	(4,300)	-
Lideta Catholic Cathedral School	-	4,300	(4,300)	-
St Joseph's Mission Hostel	-	2,200	(2,200)	-
Bucama Nursery	-	2,200	(2,200)	-
Vicariate of Soddo, Ethiopia (8 schools)	-	12,000	(12,000)	-
For FACE's projects in Iraq	-	545	-	545
For FACE's projects in Lebanon	-	550	-	550
Core Costs	101,220	80,872	(59,544)	122,548
	<u>£101,220</u>	<u>£237,061</u>	<u>£(214,638)</u>	<u>£123,643</u>
Year ended 5 April 2021	Balance at start of year £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at end of year £
Oum Al Fadi (Redemptoris Mater, Beirut)	-	15,000	(15,000)	-
Immaculate Conception School in Beirut	-	50,000	(50,000)	-
Œuvre d'Orient – Core Costs	-	190,129	(88,909)	101,220
	<u>£-</u>	<u>£255,129</u>	<u>£(153,909)</u>	<u>£101,220</u>

The above funds were held entirely as cash at bank at the end of the year.

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Restricted Funds

Adyan Foundation Fund, Lebanon & Syria. The Fund was set up to finance, via the Adyan Foundation, the Feshet Sama Centre in Syria, which provides education and psychological support to displaced children and young people in Syria whose schooling has been interrupted due to the ongoing war. The Adyan Foundation (HQ based in Beirut, Lebanon) created and manages Feshet Sama Centre. This charitable spending relates to FACE's missions in education and pastoral support.

School of Sisters of Besançon, Baabda, Lebanon Fund. This Fund was set up to purchase equipment (desks and computers) for the school. The school is facing the double challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic coupled with Lebanon's worsening financial crisis with hyperinflation at 2000% This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in education.

Capuchin Sisters of Mother Rubatto, Segheneyti, Eritrea Fund. The Fund was set up to finance 20 girls in Eritrea to complete their secondary education at a boarding school in Segheneyti, run by the Capuchin Sisters of the Mother Rubatto. Through education the Sisters are transforming young girls' lives by advancing their development, empowering them to escape the poverty trap and under-age marriage, and enabling their inclusion into Eritrean society and public life. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in education.

University of St Joseph, Beirut, Lebanon. FACE Scholarship Fund. The Fund was set up to finance scholarships for nursing students at the University of St Joseph, in order to address the shortage of nurses in Lebanon and to support the dangerously over-stretched healthcare system. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in education and healthcare provision.

Rosary Sisters' Hospital, Beirut, Lebanon Fund. The Fund was set up to supplement the salaries of medical professionals and provide medicines. As a result of the sharp devaluation of the Lebanese pound and spiralling inflation, hospitals across Lebanon need urgent financial aid to top up salaries and cover the costs of medicines. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in healthcare provision.

Archdiocese of Mosul. Joinery in Karamlesh, Iraq Fund. The Fund was set up to finance the manufacture of pews by the Karamless Joinery for the benefit of the Al Tahira Church in Qaraqosh which had been desecrated during Daesh's two-year occupation. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in inter-religious dialogue and pastoral support for the sake of the survival of Christianity.

Le Senevé, Homs, Syria Fund. The Fund was set up to finance Le Senevé Day Care Centre in Homs run by the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus for children and young people with learning disabilities, including Down Syndrome and Autism. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in healthcare, education and inter-religious dialogue.

Rosary Sisters, Aleppo, Syria Fund. The Fund was set up to finance the rebuilding the Rosary School (pre-school and nursery section), which was destroyed in the civil war in 2011. The project to rebuild the Rosary School is well under way and nearing completion. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in education.

Archdiocese of Kirkuk-Sulaymaniyah, Iraq Mercy House Fund. The Fund was established to provide furnishing (hospital beds, chairs and tables) for Mercy House, a newly constructed medical centre with care home for elderly people, a research centre for Alzheimer's disease and training in Gerontology, a nursery school for autistic children, a chapel, an auditorium and a pharmacy. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in healthcare, interreligious dialogue and the advancement of Christianity.

Beit Gazo Centre, Beirut, Lebanon Fund. The Fund was set up to finance the restoration of a 16th century Syriac lectionary, "Charfet Rahmani 108", which contains Gospel texts that were read during Mass and on feast days during the period when the Melkite Church was transitioning from the Syriac language into Arabic. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in the advancement of Christianity and the preservation of its heritage.

Hananeyta Nursery School, Tigray, Ethiopia Fund. The fund was set up to finance the provision of a nutritious daily meal for 150 children at the Hananeyta Nursery School, who come from impoverished rural families. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in education, poverty relief and pastoral support.

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Marthandam Integrated Development Society (MIDS), Diocese of Marthandam, Tamil Nadu, India Fund. The Fund was set up to finance emergency assistance for 300 impoverished families who lost their livelihoods as a result of the Covid pandemic. Families were provided with food and medication. This charitable spending related to FACE's mission in healthcare, pastoral support and poverty relief.

Ethiopian Catholic Schools Fund. The Fund was set up to finance several schools in Ethiopia, and has enabled 1,864 of the poorest children to access quality education, specialist equipment and nutritious food through its grants to: Shashamane School for the Blind run by the Franciscan Sisters of St Mary of the Angels in Shashamane; the Lideta Catholic Cathedral School in Addis Ababa; St Joseph's Mission Hostel run by the Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul in Danka Dembidolo; and the Bucama Nursery run by the Franciscan Sisters of Notre Dame in Bucama. The Fund has also provided meals for four months for 1,360 infants at 8 nursery schools in the Vicariate of Soddo. This charitable spending relates to FACE's missions in education and pastoral support.

Core Costs. A restricted donation from the French NGO, Oeuvre d'Orient, was granted to FACE to cover core costs during its initial 5-year start-up business plan, and its expenditure is spread over two financial years.

9. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR PREVIOUS YEAR

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £
INCOME from				
Grants receivable	1	-	255,129	255,129
Donations		7,202	-	7,202
Other income		146	-	146
Total income		<u>7,348</u>	<u>255,129</u>	<u>262,477</u>
EXPENDITURE on				
Charitable activities	2	2,750	140,494	143,244
Support and Governance costs	2	-	13,415	13,415
Total expenditure		<u>2,750</u>	<u>153,909</u>	<u>156,659</u>
Net income and net movement In Funds		4,598	101,220	105,818
Reconciliation of Funds				
Funds brought forward		9,561	-	9,561
Funds carried forward		<u>£14,159</u>	<u>£101,220</u>	<u>£115,379</u>

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

England & Wales - Charity number 1178592

Accounts

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST
(also known as FACE)

(Registered Charity No: 1178592)

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND
ACCOUNTS

5 APRIL 2021

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

OPERATING NAME

FACE

TRUSTEES

John Fox (Chair of Trustees)
Revd. Pascal Boidin
Ms Maureen Glackin
Mr Martin Lupton
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GOVERNING INSTRUMENT

CIO constitution registered 31 May 2018, and amended by resolution dated 12/07/2021, in accordance with Charity Commission consent granted on 02/07/2021)

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER

1178592

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FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

The trustees present their report and the accounts of the charity for the year ended 5th April 2021.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Constitution

Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (also known as FACE) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), incorporated under a CIO constitution registered with the Charity Commission on 31 May 2018. The charity is governed by a board of trustees.

Appointment of Trustees

The trustees, who are normally appointed on a 3-year mandate, have the power to appoint and remove trustees by resolution.

Management

The Board of Trustees meets as required to manage the affairs of the charity.

CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES

The objects of the charity are:

- (1) To provide for the relief of poverty and sickness to people in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India and surrounding territories, for the public benefit by the provision of grants to local organisations, in particular but not limited to those under the patronage of the Eastern Churches;
- (2) To advance education in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India and surrounding territories, for the public benefit by the provision of grants to places of learning, in particular but not exclusively to those under the patronage of the Eastern Churches;
- (3) To advance the Christian religion in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India, for the public benefit by supporting and promoting the Eastern Churches, in particular but not exclusively in places where Christians are suffering from persecution, oppression or discrimination;
- (4) To promote knowledge, mutual understanding, tolerance and respect between persons of different faiths in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India and surrounding territories, by facilitating ecumenical and interreligious relations; and
- (5) To advance the education of the public in the United Kingdom by the dissemination of information and the provision of educational resources which promote a greater awareness and understanding of the Eastern Churches, and which strengthen pastoral bonds between Eastern and Western Christians.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

PRIME GOVERNANCE

As this is the third year of operation, the focus of the trustees has been on establishing the infrastructure of the organisation, developing a business plan, recruiting a permanent executive team, establishing a fundraising strategy and expanding the fundraising activities. Set out below is a summary of how the charity is operating.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

MISSION

Our Aim

Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (FACE) helps Eastern Christians to remain in their homelands where Christianity was born and first spread. FACE enables people of all faiths and none in the Middle East, the Horn of Africa and India to free themselves from a life of poverty, inequality and injustice. Together with the local Christian communities, FACE aims to bring lasting change to those regions through long-term projects in education, healthcare, pastoral support and interreligious dialogue.

FACE strives to preserve the heritage of the Eastern Churches so that Eastern Christians remain a living testament to the roots, legitimacy and beneficence of the Christian presence in Arabic, African and Asian society, and continue to be mediators of peace and goodwill in their multi-faith communities. Whether in times of peace or war, FACE supports the work of the patriarchs, metropolitans, bishops, priests and religious of the Eastern Churches by offering grant aid to their local projects in education, health care and pastoral support - to the benefit of all, regardless of race and creed.

Who are the Eastern Christians?

There remain more than 26 million Eastern Christians living in the Middle East and surrounding region, though many more have been forced into exile in recent decades. Those that remain are invariably treated as second-class citizens and face discrimination, inequality, injustice and poverty. For Western Christians, they provide a direct link to the Early Church, leading us to the roots of Christianity and showing us, through their tradition and witness, a living faith in Christ. In spite of their precarious status in not being fully-fledged citizens in their own lands, they have found a role as mediators in Arab society and hitherto made an important economic contribution through professional activity as doctors, teachers, businessmen, artists, skilled craftsman and administrators. Within Arab society, the Eastern Christians have been traditionally leaven in the dough, guaranteeing peace in a fragile socio-political system. Even more than the many contributions that the Eastern Churches make to Arab society in the areas of education, healthcare and social services, the greatest source of enrichment in the region is the presence of Christians themselves.

Our values

- FACE is a Christian charity which is inspired by the Word of God, Catholic Social Teaching and the traditions of the Catholic Church.
- FACE lives out Christ's message of love through devotion and humble service to Eastern Christians, as well as to others of all faiths and none.
- FACE believes in the power of prayer to guide and strengthen its mission; to express solidarity with those who suffer because of their devotion to Christ and his Church; and to grow pastoral bonds between Western and Eastern Christians.
- FACE believes in the sanctity of life; in human life as a gift from God; in the dignity of the individual; in the right of each individual to liberty, equality, justice and well-being; in reverence for Nature; and in the protection of the Earth's resources.
- FACE believes in the freedom of belief, thought, expression of every person, not only as individuals but also as members of a community.
- FACE believes that the protection of places of worship is a duty for all.
- FACE, in serving Eastern Christians, supports the multi-faith communities in which the Eastern Christians live - to the benefit of all, regardless of race or creed.
- FACE strives for an end to poverty through education, healthcare and welfare support.
- FACE promotes unity and reconciliation in the Middle East.
- FACE strives to enable and strengthen ecumenical and interreligious relations, as well as to build peaceful and harmonious community relations.
- FACE is inspired by the courage and devotion of Eastern Christians, who remain loyal to Christ in the face of oppression and persecution, by their Christian witness to the love of God and neighbour, their trust in Divine Providence, their embrace of peace and goodwill between all peoples, and their perseverance in Hope.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

MISSION (continued)

What we do

FACE delivers grant aid to projects in education, healthcare, pastoral support and interreligious dialogue, across the Middle East, North Africa, the Horn of Africa and India.

Our charitable activities

FACE's principal concern and responsibility is to support those who suffer from discrimination, poverty, injustice and inequality by means of:

- HUMANITARIAN AID through rapid response emergency relief schemes;
- EDUCATION through supporting nurseries, kindergartens, orphanages, primary and secondary schools, professional training centres and Catholic universities;
- HEALTHCARE through funding dispensaries, hospitals, institutions for the disabled, care homes, retirement homes and sheltered accommodation;
- PASTORAL SUPPORT through the formation of the religious; the training of catechists and lay ministers; the welfare support of priests in need, particularly those for whom no healthcare or elderly care system exists;
- INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE through supporting schools, universities, dispensaries, hospitals that are accessible to all, of all faiths and none.

Our projects

FACE's projects enable Eastern Christians (and others, of all faiths and none):

- to rebuild their homes and communities
- to educate their children
- to create employment opportunities
- to secure the maintenance of their churches, schools, hospitals and care homes
- to promote ecumenical and interreligious relations
- to be peacemakers and mediators in their multi-faith communities
- to strengthen the pastoral bonds with Western Christians.

How we do it?

FACE collaborates with the French NGO, Oeuvre d'Orient, which for over 160 years has developed close links with the Eastern Catholic Churches; which is unique in devoting all its resources exclusively to supporting Eastern Christians through funding projects under the patronage of the Eastern Catholic Churches; and which has an unmatched legacy of working in close partnership with the patriarchs and bishops of the Eastern Churches. Currently Oeuvre d'Orient manages over 1400 charitable actions through support to 400 Christian communities across 23 countries, including Ethiopia, Egypt, Eritrea, Armenia, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon. FACE also devotes its resources exclusively to supporting Eastern Christians through funding projects under the patronage and management of the local Christian communities and working directly with the patriarchs and bishops of the Eastern Churches in the Middle East, North Africa, the Horn of Africa and India.

Who benefits from FACE's activities?

Christians of the Eastern Churches in the Middle East, North Africa, the Horn of Africa and India, as well as those of all faiths and none who co-exist in their multi-faith communities.

How do they benefit?

The Christian communities, as well as those of other faiths who are living in proximity, are eligible to receive the benefit of our education, healthcare and pastoral projects.

What is the unfulfilled need?

The unfulfilled need in Iraq, Lebanon, Syria, Ethiopia and Eritrea is the restoration of peace, reconciliation, and the rebuilding of community life in the towns and villages. In the Greater Middle East, the unfulfilled need is integrated citizenship and equality for all.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITY

The charity fundraises through grants from trusts and foundations; individual donation; corporate partnership; parish collection; and gift aid.

The charity does not engage in cold-calling, door to door or street fundraising. No complaints about fundraising activities have been received. However, if a complaint were to be received, we would undertake to resolve it promptly and would envisage that there would never be any need for any complaint to escalate to the stage of referral to the regulator.

It is the intention of the trustees to register with the Fundraising Regulator in the forthcoming year. Meanwhile, the trustees endeavour to adhere to the standards of the Fundraising Code of Practice.

The trustees are of the opinion that the charity's overall fundraising performance was good and was conducted fully in accordance with the above principles. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of all those who have given to the work of the charity.

CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

- Thanks to a restricted major donation, FACE was able, for a second year running, to offer a grant to the Oum Al Fadi Association in Lebanon as a contribution towards the costs of constructing new buildings for its seminary in Beirut. The seminary trains bi-ritual priests for ministry in Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and Egypt. This charitable spending responds to FACE's mission in pastoral support, which includes the formation of the religious, the training of catechists and lay ministers, and the welfare support of priests.
- Thanks to a restricted donation from a charitable trust, FACE was able to offer a substantial grant to the Immaculate Conception School in Beirut, as a contribution to the costs of repairing its school buildings which had been badly damaged in the port explosion of August 2020.
- Thanks to an online campaign via its website, FACE was able to offer a grant to the Immaculate Conception School in Beirut to provide meals and tuition for its socially disadvantaged pupils.

TRUSTEE ACTIVITY

For the first half of the financial year, all executive operations were run by the chair of trustees, John Fox, who made himself available pro bono, and full-time, to manage all aspects of financial direction and administration, fundraising strategy, information technology, communications, public relations, human resources and recruitment, as well as to set up and maintain accounting and data systems. For the second half of the financial year, John Fox continued to oversee and supervise all executive operations, pro bono and full-time, but was joined by a team of three salaried fundraising executives. As a direct result of John Fox's voluntary service, FACE has been able to make a huge saving in labour costs and other expenses throughout the financial year.

During the financial year, the board of trustees was not able to hold physical trustees' meetings, due to the Covid lockdown and social distancing measures. But a trustees' meeting was held via Zoom; four Zoom meetings were held by its Finance sub-committee; three Zoom meetings were held by its Resources sub-committee; and the chair of trustees was in regular telephone contact with the trustees.

In addition to supervising governance administration and managing executive operations, the chair of trustees (John Fox) was engaged under contract by the board of trustees as a consultant on an ad hoc basis, to deliver and oversee the training of salaried fundraising staff in the start-up stage of the charity. The trustees' decision was made – in the absence of John Fox – that he should be remunerated for specific ad hoc services of providing training to the salaried fundraising team. The trustees decided that the training programme was essential to the advancement of FACE, that its deliverance was outside the normal remit and activity of a trustee, and that only John Fox was equipped to organise and deliver its programme, on account of his comprehensive and detailed knowledge of the charity's mission, business plan, strategy and infrastructure. In reaching this conclusion, the trustees took account of clause 6 of FACE's governing document and took legal advice to ensure that they satisfied its conditions. Given John Fox's pivotal role in starting up the charity, the trustees recognise the prime importance of effective training to executive staff to guarantee the continuity of the charity's administration henceforward.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

EXECUTIVE ACTIVITY

During the second half of the financial year, a salaried permanent executive team of three fundraisers was recruited, inducted and trained to manage and advance all fundraising activities in:

- Fundraising through donation from individuals and parishes;
- Fundraising through donation from trusts and foundations;
- Fundraising through donation from major donors;
- Fundraising through donation from online campaigns; and
- Fundraising through donation from parish collections.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income has grown considerably since last year as the charity has increased its profile despite the constraints of the COVID lockdown. During the year, the charity generated income of £262.5 k (2020: £37.1 k) mainly consisting of Grants & Donations. Grants were entirely amounted to £255.1k, comprising:

- £190.1 k - funding for the setting up of FACE's infrastructure and Core Costs.
- £15 k - to be used to support the Oum Al Fadi Association in Lebanon in its constructing of a new building for its seminary in Beirut.
- £50 k - to support the Immaculate Conception School in Beirut for its rebuilding and repairs to its damaged buildings.

Expenditure also increased, rising from £29.3 k to £156.7 k. Charitable donations paid amounted to £67.8k (2020: £25.0k) including the utilisation of the afore-mentioned restricted project donations. With the higher levels of activity and the employment of staff, the level of Operational and Support costs also grew, rising from £4.3k to £88.9k.

There was therefore a surplus of £105.8 k for the year (2020: £7.8 k), of which £101.2k (2020: Nil) related to Restricted Funds. This has been added to reserves to give closing reserves of £115.4k comprising unrestricted funds of £14.2 k and restricted funds of £101.2k.

RESERVES POLICY

By the end of the period the charity's net assets stood at just over £115k. Of this sum, only £14.2k was held as "free" or unrestricted funds. Whilst this may appear low in relation to annual expenditure, it has to be noted that the charity held a restricted fund standing at £101.2k at the year-end for Core Costs.

As the charity becomes more active, the trustees will seek to accumulate reserves to provide the charity with an adequate capital base. Their target for "free" reserves, once the Core Costs Fund has been utilised is currently set at £60k.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

It is the intention of the trustees to expand the work of the charity along the lines set out in the Activities section of this report (above). This will include recruiting, in addition to the Fundraising Manager (Trusts & Foundations), a Fundraising Manager (Major Donors) and Fundraising Manager (Individuals & Parishes) already in place, a Communications Consultant, an extra fundraising assistant and operations manager.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The period throughout the financial year has been one in which the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, both on general society and the economy, has been crippling. It has inevitably had an adverse effect on the activities of the charity, not least on account of the inability to hold events and physical meetings with donors and to fundraise in parishes. Moreover, the recruitment and training process was delayed and cumbersome, and the necessity of staff working from home has not gone without presenting huge challenges. At the same time, the pandemic has meant that the need for the financial support of the type that the charity provides to Eastern Christians in the Greater Middle East has increased evermore. As much of the expenditure of the charity is discretionary in nature, it is relatively straightforward to control its costs. Therefore, the Trustees are confident that the cost-control measures that they have put in place, combined with the adoption of a fundraising strategy that takes account of the new economic and philanthropic landscape during the pandemic period, are sufficient to ensure that the charity will continue as a 'going concern' through the next financial year. In short, the Trustees are confident that the business will be both live and operating; it will have all the parts and features necessary to keep it in operation; and it will be able to meet all of its liabilities and financial commitments for at least a year from the date of this report.

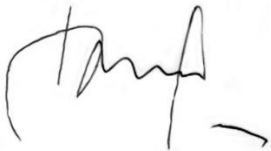
STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare for each financial year financial statements which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the year end. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Adopt the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for ensuring proper accounting records are kept which 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 charity's constitution and the disclosure regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of error, fraud and other irregularities.

Signed as authorised on behalf of the Trustees on 13th July 2021 by:



John Fox
Chair of trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS' REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East Charitable Incorporated Organisation (the CIO) for the year ended 5 April 2021.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF THE REPORT

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

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 2011 Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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 Trust as required by section 130 of the 2011 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 the 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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13th July 2021

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £ (see Note 8)
INCOME from					
Grants receivable	1	-	255,129	255,129	25,000
Donations		7,202	-	7,202	10,777
Other income		146	-	146	1,339
Total income		<u>7,348</u>	<u>255,129</u>	<u>262,477</u>	<u>37,116</u>
EXPENDITURE on					
Charitable activities	2	2,750	140,494	143,244	25,000
Support and Governance costs	2	-	13,415	13,415	4,301
Total expenditure		<u>2,750</u>	<u>153,909</u>	<u>156,659</u>	<u>29,301</u>
Net income and net movement In Funds		4,598	101,220	105,818	7,815
Reconciliation of Funds					
Funds brought forward		9,561	-	9,561	1,746
Funds carried forward		<u>£14,159</u>	<u>£101,220</u>	<u>£115,379</u>	<u>£9,561</u>

The notes form part of these accounts.

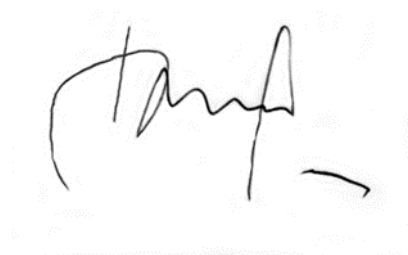
FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 5 APRIL 2021

	Notes	£	2021	£	£	2020	£
CURRENT ASSETS							
Debtors & prepayments – Gift Aid reclaimable			400			200	
Cash at bank and in hand			121,025			10,361	
			<u>121,425</u>			<u>10,561</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES							
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6		<u>(6,046)</u>			<u>(1,000)</u>	
				115,379			9,561
NET CURRENT ASSETS AND NET ASSETS				<u>£115,379</u>			<u>£9,561</u>
FUNDS AND RESERVES							
Unrestricted – General Fund				14,159			9,561
Restricted funds				<u>101,220</u>			<u>-</u>
				<u>£115,379</u>			<u>£9,561</u>

Approved by the Trustees on 13th July 2021 and signed on their behalf by



John Fox

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

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

Basis of preparation

These accounts have been prepared for the year to 5 April 2021 with comparative information provided in respect to the year to 5 April 2020.

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or the notes to these accounts.

The accounts 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 United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Charities SORP FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are presented in sterling and are rounded to the nearest pound.

Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Preparation of the accounts may require the Trustees to make significant judgements and estimates.

The Trustees consider that there were no such key areas in the accounts where these judgements and estimates have had to be made.

Assessment of going concern

The Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern assumption is appropriate in preparing these accounts. The Trustees have made this assessment in respect to a period of one year from the date of approval of these accounts.

The Trustees of the Charity have concluded that there are no material uncertainties related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the ability of the Charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees are of the opinion that the charity will have sufficient resources to meet its liabilities as they fall due. Any significant areas of judgement that affect items in the accounts are detailed above. With regard to the next accounting period, the year ending 5 April 2022, the Trustees consider that there are no significant areas that affect the carrying value of the assets held by the Charity.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. Exchange differences are taken into account in arriving at the net movement in funds.

Income recognition

Income is recognised in the period in which the charity has entitlement to the income, the amount of income can be measured reliably and it is probable that the income will be received.

Income comprises grants, donations, investment income and other income. Donations are recognised when the charity has confirmation of both the amount and settlement date. In the event of donations pledged but not received, the amount is accrued for where the receipt is considered probable. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until either those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

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PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

In accordance with the Charities SORP FRS 102 volunteer time is not recognised.

Legacies are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is entitled to the legacy, the executors have established that there are sufficient surplus assets in the estate to pay the legacy, and any conditions attached to the legacy are within the control of the charity.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. Expenditure comprises direct costs and support costs. All expenses, including support costs, are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings. The classification between activities is as follows:

- ◆ Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure associated with raising funds for the charity.
- ◆ Expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs associated with furthering the charitable purposes of the Charity through the provision of its charitable activities. Such costs include charitable grants and donations, direct and support costs in respect of the operations of the charity.

Charitable grants and donations are made where the Trustees consider there is real need following a review of the details of each particular case and comprise single year payments rather than multi-year grants.

Grants payable are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when approved and when the intended recipient has either received the funds or been informed of the decision to make the grant and has satisfied all performance conditions. Grants approved but not paid at the end of the financial year are accrued. Grants where the beneficiary has not been informed or has to fulfil performance conditions before the grant is released are not accrued for but are disclosed as financial commitments in the notes to the accounts.

All expenditure is stated inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

Support costs represent indirect charitable expenditure. In order to carry out the primary purposes of the charity it is necessary to provide support in the form of personnel and administrative functions.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

Tangible fixed assets

Any assets costing more than £2,000 and with an expected useful life exceeding one year are capitalised.

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at their settlement amount, less any provision for non-recoverability. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid. They are discounted to the present value of the future cash receipt where such discounting is material.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand represents such accounts and instruments that are available on demand or have a maturity of less than three months from the date of acquisition. Deposits for more than three months but less than one year have been disclosed as short-term deposits. Cash placed on deposit for more than one year is disclosed as a fixed asset investment.

Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are recognised at the amount the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt. They have been discounted to the present value of the future cash payment where such discounting is material.

Fund structure

General or Unrestricted Funds represent those monies which are freely available for application towards achieving any charitable purpose that falls within the Charity's charitable objects.

Restricted Funds comprise monies raised for, or their use restricted to a specific purpose by means of donor imposed-conditions.

Pension schemes

A defined contribution scheme is available for Staff. Contributions in respect of the defined contribution pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities when they are payable to the scheme. The Charity's contributions are limited to the contributions disclosed in note 4. There were no outstanding contributions at the year end. The Charity has no liability beyond making its contributions and paying across the deductions for the employees' contributions.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

1.	GRANTS RECEIVABLE	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
	For the work of the Oum Al Fadi Association in Lebanon	-	15,000	15,000	25,000
	Dromintee Trust for the Immaculate Conception School, Beirut	-	50,000	50,000	-
	Œuvre d'Orient	-	190,129	190,129	-
		£-	£255,129	£255,129	£25,000
	Prior Year				
	For the work of the Oum Al Fadi Association in Lebanon	£-	£25,000	£25,000	
2.	EXPENDITURE	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
	Charitable activities				
	Charitable project - Grants				
	Oum Al Fadi (Redemptoris Mater, Beirut)	-	15,000	15,000	25,000
	Immaculate Conception School in Beirut	2,750	50,000	52,750	-
		2,750	65,000	67,750	25,000
	Direct costs				
	Staff Costs	-	40,534	40,534	-
	Advisory Fees	-	4,960	4,960	-
	Consultant's Fees (see note 5)	-	30,000	30,000	-
		-	75,494	75,494	-
	Support costs				
	Telephone, Postage and Stationery	-	1,997	1,997	431
	Travel and Trustee expenses	-	1,380	1,380	437
	Equipment, IT, Website and Software	-	7,679	7,679	-
	Donor Hospitality	-	73	73	382
	Events	-	-	-	1,481
	Recruitment costs	-	-	-	400
	Other Expenses	-	1,126	1,126	170
	Governance costs				
	Independent Examiner's fee	-	1,160	1,160	1,000
		-	13,415	13,415	4,301
	Total Payments	£2,750	£153,909	£156,659	£29,301

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

2. EXPENDITURE (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Prior year			
Charitable activities			
Charitable projects - for the work of the Oum Al Fadi Association in Lebanon	-	25,000	25,000
Support costs			
Telephone, Postage and Stationery	431	-	431
Travel and Trustee expenses	437	-	437
Equipment, IT, Website and Software	-	-	-
Donor Hospitality	382	-	382
Events	1,481	-	1,481
Recruitment costs	400	-	400
Other Expenses	170	-	170
Governance costs			
Independent Examiner's fee	1,000	-	1,000
	4,301	-	4,301
Total Payments	£4,301	£25,000	£29,301

3. GOVERNANCE COSTS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Charitable activities				
Fees payable to independent examiner (including VAT) after-date	£-	£1,160	£1,160	£1,000

4. STAFF COSTS AND REMUNERATION OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Wages & salaries	30,340	-
Social security costs	7,640	-
Pension contributions	2,554	-
	£40,534	£-

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

4. STAFF COSTS AND REMUNERATION OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL (continued)

The average number of staff employed in the year was:

	2021 Number	2020 Number
Administration	3	-

No employee has received remuneration at a rate of £60,000 per annum or more (2020: Nil).

5. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION & RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
No trustee received any remuneration for trustee services from the charity during the year.		
Reimbursement of trustees' expenses to one trustee (2021: none) amounted to	£121	£-

Under Clause 6 (2) of the CIO's constitution, a Charity Trustee or Connected Person may enter into a contract for the supply of services, or of goods that are supplied in connection with the provision of services, to the CIO where that is permitted in accordance with, and subject to the conditions in sections, 185 to 188 of the Charities Act 2011.

In accordance with this Clause, the following sum was paid to John Fox (trustee) for Training Services.

£30,000	£-
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In the opinion of the trustees, they are the key management personnel of the CIO.

6. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
Accruals	1,200	1,000
Taxation and Social Security	4,846	-
	£6,046	£1,000

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

7. RESTRICTED FUNDS

Year ended 5 April 2021	Balance at start of year £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance at end of year £
Oum Al Fadi (Redemptoris Mater, Beirut)	-	15,000	(15,000)	-
Immaculate Conception School in Beirut	-	50,000	(50,000)	-
Œuvre d'Orient – Core Costs	-	190,129	(88,909)	101,220
	£-	£255,129	£(153,909)	£101,220

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	Balance at start of year	Income	Expenditure	Balance at end of year
Prior year				
Oum Al Fadi (Redemptoris Mater, Beirut)	£-	£25,000	£(25,000)	£-

The above funds were held entirely as cash at bank at the end of the year.

Restricted Funds

Oum Al Fadi (Redemptoris Mater, Beirut) Fund

This is the fund of the Redemptoris Mater Seminary which was established to finance contributions towards the costs of constructing the new buildings for its seminary in Beirut. The seminary trains inter-rite priests for ministry in Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and Egypt. This charitable spending relates to FACE's mission in pastoral support, which includes the formation of the religious, the training of catechists and lay ministers, and the welfare support of priests.

Immaculate Conception School, Beirut Fund

This is a fund established to finance contributions towards the costs of repairing the school buildings in Beirut which had been badly damaged in the port explosion of August 2020.

Œuvre d'Orient – Core Costs

A restricted donation from Œuvre d'Orient has been granted to FACE to cover core costs during its initial 5-year start-up business plan, and its expenditure is spread over two financial years.

FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2021

8. COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR PREVIOUS YEAR

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2020 Total £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS				
INCOME from				
Grants	1	-	25,000	25,000
Donations		10,777	-	10,777
Other income		1,339	-	1,339
Total income		<u>12,116</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>37,116</u>
EXPENDITURE on				
Charitable activities	2	-	25,000	25,000
Support and Governance costs	2	4,301	-	4,301
Total expenditure		<u>4,301</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>29,301</u>
Net income and net movement In Funds		7,815	-	7,815
Reconciliation of Funds				
Funds brought forward		1,746	-	1,746
Funds carried forward		<u>£9,561</u>	<u>£-</u>	<u>£9,561</u>