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**Affinity Missions**  
**(A Charity constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation)**  
**Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2021**

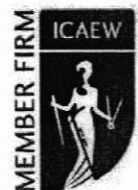


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## **Chairman's Statement**

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After an amazing inaugural year in 2019, with the advent of Covid 19, in 2020 we were regrettably unable to pursue the hugely exciting planned 2020 programme that would have seen even a greater number of people being reached in the countries previously visited like Armenia, Bulgaria, Italy, Gagauzia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, the Ukraine, and also in new countries not previously visited.

However, as reported last year, we were able in March 2020 to make two planned Mission trips to Bulgaria just before the pandemic closed all further activities for the year and we were thankful for these opportunities about which we reported last year. From then we have been very busily doing constant replanning of the mission possibilities, resulting in three Missions taking place in the latter part of the 2021. This replanning activity remains very much ongoing during 2022, when we are hoping, post Omicron, to start physically renewing international missions on a more substantial basis.

Also in 2020, we were very thankful for the opportunity that we were able to embrace during the latter half of the year, the incorporation of local Mission activity under the working name of Westover Beacon, for this enabled us to continue fulfilling our objects during the times of lockdown and restriction. Flowing from this has evolved Coffee Events, Community Café events, Easter and Christmas functions, facilitation and Foodbank activities, all of which have resulted in people in England being reached, helped and incorporated into Christianity, and the good news is that these small opportunities last year have eventuated in much more substantial outreach during the course of 2021, and have much promise for 2022.

In August 2021, opportunity arose to visit Macedonia, the visiting teams being allowed in with vaccination passports, and required to be Covid tested a few days before returning home to England and America. Sadly, as the teams arrived in Macedonia, the Government introduced restaurant entrance restrictions that resulted in the need for complete format re-strategizing and meant lesser events and lesser attendances. However, we were able to make the best of the opportunities that arose, so that many people were reached, and another mission was planned for October, which was considerably larger and very successful.

A big thank you goes out to our Macedonian in-country organisers, who work multiple jobs to finance their own involvement in our missions, some with limited reimbursement from us of only their direct expenses. This team was led and spearheaded by Jimmy Simon, longtime volunteer partner, and we hugely valued his enterprise, ingenuity, diligence, and sacrifice, to enable what was on the surface impossible, actually come to fruition with amazing results.

In the ongoing picture for 2022, another big "thank-you" goes to our other international field partners, people with like-vision and desire to make a difference in the world, for sticking with their commitments that were regularly postponed during the year, and continue to be on provisional dates for 2022. Without these co-workers, some of which come from as far afield as America, nothing much can be accomplished. It is inevitable however, against the Covid factor, that some of these may have become more intensely invested in their own local activities, so that ongoing future international commitments may be less feasible.

Finally, thanks go to our church partners and supporters locally and abroad that have been a vital part in our outreaches in the past for supporting the ever changing dates proposals, even into 2022 - they share in the amazing changes to humanity in the secular sphere, and in the area that is even more important, the spiritual sphere which is an eternal one, that Affinity Missions brings.

So, on all fronts noted above, I would like to express great appreciation to the trustees of Affinity Missions without whom these actions could not have happened, a board of wonderful volunteers operating on their own time, at their own expense to fulfill the vision. Beyond the "call of duty" Eddie Boghossian continues the volunteer role of "Webmaster" to help liaise with the activities relating to the Charities Commissioner, and the intricacies of the office IT systems – Eddie has also been a marvellous help and his input has been massively appreciated. As income levels have greatly diminished with the reduction in Mission activity, Eddie's generous volunteering has been most appreciated. It is great that Eddie and Kenny Cormack remain available to visit and support our missions physically (as they have done in the past ) when they become again feasible.

Another Board Member to acknowledge for efforts beyond normal trustee duties, is Kate Grant who has been behind the many activities of Westover Beacon and has been instrumental in what has become a successful church plant in 2021.

Also a very special thank you too, to Paul Scribner, whom originally brought the Charity into life, so very expertly, efficiently and with great generosity, then played a significant role in registering the amendments to the constitution to facilitate our local activity, This year Paul, physically ( and greatly financially ) brought another enrichment to Affinity Missions, by being a very successful part of one of the Macedonian Missions, and bringing with him from America, an associate named Tim Davis, who participated in some of the events. He, like Paul, was massively appreciated by the local teams, for his physical and financial contribution.

Paul has contacted a couple of potential evangelist partners, who could be approached when the Covid situation returns to a greater semblance of normality. Paul is a mega inspiration to everyone, and much appreciated.

Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011 and Section 25 of the Affinity Missions constitution require the trustees to ensure that the accounting records of the Charity are, among other things, sufficient to show and explain all of the Charity's transactions and must, in particular, contain a record of the assets and liabilities of the Charity.

The board of trustees, as mentioned above, is comprised primarily of experienced charity executives who take reporting responsibilities seriously and thereby affirm our commitment to our beneficiaries and charitable partners of our adopted standards for financial integrity, operational best practices, and reporting transparency.

The financial activities reported in these accounts represent the present and prior sacrifice of many, and we take this opportunity to humbly acknowledge their utmost importance to the effectiveness of this Charity.

We give honour to our Lord Jesus Christ, who planted this vision and desire in our hearts to go and impact mankind with the message of change and hope into the future, notwithstanding the temporary setbacks we are experiencing currently because of the Coronavirus that has invaded the countries where our focus lies.

  
John Grant  
Missions Director  
CEO  
Chairman  
22/02/2022

  
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### Trustees' Report

#### For Affinity Missions Year Ended 31 December 2021

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#### Trustees:

Eddie Boghossian		Appointed 8 October 2018
Joanna Foster		Appointed 8 October 2018
Nigel Gordon		Appointed 8 October 2018
John Grant	CEO & Missions Director	Appointed 8 October 2018
John Grant	Chairman	Appointed 21 May 2019
Kate Grant		Appointed 8 October 2018
Paul Scribner	Chairman	Appointed 8 October 2018 and resigned 20 May 2019

As trustees of Affinity Missions we are responsible for preparing this report for inclusion in the annual accounts. In so doing we hope that it sets out for the audience the Charity's purpose, how we work towards that purpose, and what the Charity's work has achieved.

The trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of Affinity Missions for the year ended 31 December 2021. The trustees confirm that the Annual Report and financial statements of the Charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Charity's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" issued in March 2015.

The charity was incorporated on 28 November 2018.

#### Objectives and activities

Our charitable aims and objectives are to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of charities and voluntary organisations in the voluntary sector and effective application and use of their resources for the public benefit, in particular, but not exclusively by providing:

- ( a ) technical assistance,
- ( b ) attendance and response statistical calculations, and
- ( c ) post-event mentoring to Christian charities and Christian churches in Europe, United Kingdom and the Balkans.

#### Summary of the main activities

Affinity Missions partners with the following sectors in fulfilling its charitable objects

a) **Churches** that espouse substantially similar beliefs as set out in our statement of faith, by offering:

(i) technical assistance in undertaking the production of effective evangelistic events intended to stimulate positively all members of the church – every member or adherent is given the opportunity to invite guests to relevant social meal events together with the church members,

(ii) fulfilment of the church's role in seeking to enlighten event guests of the wider lifestyle advantages that follow adherence with the Christian faith, and,

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(iii) fostering of events that bring 'community' (enhanced unity) to the local churches, which is advantageous to the local community.

**b) Local Communities, by way of :**

(i) humanitarian support,

(ii) starting new churches, and,

(iii) new social groups with a focus on improving the communities in which these are founded, such as forming groups from within Christian business associations, medical societies, law societies, police officers' associations, and prison reform societies.

**c) National Institutions, by way of:**

(i) sponsoring catalytic events for major decision makers to introduce moral and ethical excellence, consistent with our statement of faith, into their decision-making processes, and,

(ii) offering guidance, consistent with the organisation's statement of faith, in opposing aggression and radicalisation intended to undermine a country's wellbeing and peaceful co-existence.

### **Affinity Events**

Our leadership's strategy in achieving these objectives has remained constant for over 20 years. Affinity Missions has longstanding relationships with Christian charities, Christian evangelists, and Christian churches that desire to expand the scope of their charitable outreaches. We work with a local coordinator to arrange a local 'affinity event'. These are dinners, luncheons, or teas/coffees that are free to their attendees and are normally held outside the church or charity in a neutral location such as a restaurant, coffee house, meeting hall, town centre, or small theatre. The affinity events include an entertaining programme intentionally designed to communicate a positive message with a relevant life application in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

### **Charitable Services**

Affinity Missions provides technical assistance and unique know-how to these charities, evangelists, and churches that would not otherwise be able to plan, produce, market and staff an affinity event in Europe and the Balkans. These events develop or otherwise expand the charitable purposes of the local church or charity and the charitable purposes of the Affinity Missions evangelistic partner.

Affinity Missions provides technical assistance, logistical support, event preparation, event planning, event production, and response statistical calculations and post-event mentoring to these Christian charities and Christian churches in Europe and the Balkans.

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## **Trustees' Report** **For Affinity Missions Year Ended 31 December 2021**

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### **Charitable Activities**

Affinity Missions and its associate evangelistic partners fund these charitable activities as a ministry to and with limited financial assistance from the local church or charity.

The trustees have referred to the general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aims and objectives and planning our activities and strategies and are confident that Affinity Missions meets the public benefit requirements.

Approximately 250 volunteers were involved in the events conducted by Affinity Missions and its charitable partners, mainly in the United Kingdom because of Covid restrictions abroad

Owing to the modification initiated last year to include the United Kingdom in its activities and charitable objectives, the foregoing activities were still facilitated despite the lockdown restrictions, albeit on a smaller scale. It is noted however that the leadership of the charity has sufficient experience to resume much higher targets, such as were projected before the lockdown restrictions inhibitions came into being.

### **Achievements and performance**

We are thankful for a good and worthwhile outcome during the year, the principal activities achieved having contributed to the achievement of our aims and objectives, beyond what we could have expected under the Covid 19 circumstances.

Working with our charitable partners, we were able to carry out in North Macedonia, three organised missions, and much activity was carried out in England.

### **Outcomes:**

1165 people attended our affinity events in North Macedonia  
838 were guests at the events of which  
453 responded, a 57 % response rate  
134 requested more information  
155 said they would like to attend the Next Steps events  
115 requested a home visit  
Attendance targets – 16.5 % higher than projected

Our charitable partners would not have been able to carry out these events were it not for the support of Affinity Missions.

Statistical records have not been kept for the events in England, but outcomes have exceeded expectations, and have resulted in many changed lives and a brand new church in Westover.

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## Trustees' Report

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### Financial review

Our main performance indicators are: -

1. Abroad

- a) Number of missions organised,
- b) Attendance at affinity events during the missions organised, and
- c) Response rates at affinity events

2. In the United Kingdom

- a) Establishing events and
- b) Providing framework for church planting

Because we partner with the charitable sector to bring about affinity events abroad, and to pursue charitable purposes to put into practice the Christian life locally, our financial performance is a function of the charitable income we receive from our charity partners in positive correlation to the number of missions we organise, and in correlation to the number of features charitable or services we create for the prevention and relief of need, the improvement of life to facilitate the general public to evaluate Christianity

### Reserves policy

It is the intention of the trustees to maintain the level of unrestricted funds of the charity to cover three months office overhead expenditure at £500 per month. In the opinion of the trustees, the charity has succeeded in this intention, having unrestricted funds available of £8,007.

The financial statements should be prepared on a going concern basis. To our knowledge, there are no internal or external factors that will significantly prevent us from achieving our future objectives.

### Principal risks and uncertainties

As the trustees of Affinity Missions look to the future with expectancy, they have the responsibility to attempt to identify risks facing the charity. The trustees have identified the risks listed below and have committed to take steps to further monitor such risks during 2022, as follows:

- a) Safeguarding (failure to protect staff and/or charitable partners in the countries where we operate),
  - b) Security (security risks or compliance risks leading to poor delivery of services in the countries where we operate),
  - c) Fundraising (income uncertainty due to limited operating history and current Covid crisis) and
  - d) Succession (a clear plan for staffing the charity for the future, due to the age of our chief executive and uncertainties because of Covid impact on growth).
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### Trustees' Report

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#### Structure, governance and management

The Charity is governed by a constitution.

The charity is constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Apart from the first Charity trustees, every trustee must be appointed by resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the charity trustees. In selecting individuals for appointment as charity trustees, the charity trustees must have regard to the skills, knowledge, and experience needed for the effective administration of the Charity.

The trustees are provided with a trustee's welcome package that includes information on the charity, the trustee's role in relation to governance and their responsibilities under charity law.

Two of the Charity's trustees are related by marriage.

No trustee received remuneration in relation to their duties as trustees. The trustees approved a £12,000 annual salary to be paid to Mr John Grant in relation to his duties as chief executive and missions director, which was disclosed in the employment section of our application for registration approved by the Charity Commission. Neither Mr Grant nor Mrs Kate Grant discussed, deliberated, or voted on, Mr Grant's salary. The salary will not be paid until the charity has unrestricted funds available to make the payment.

In all instances of decisions to come before the trustees, a declaration of interest is required with respect to any resolutions or decisions taken. The charity follows its constitution and the Charity Commission's guidance on conflict of interest and conflict of loyalty, including the published guidance CC29 as the trustees aim to honour the Commission's expectations in carrying out their responsibility to identify and address any conflicts that may arise.

#### Funds held as custodian

The Charity does not hold funds as custodian.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.


This report was approved by the trustees on 22/02/2022 and signed on their behalf by

John Grant

Missions Director

CEO

Chairman



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## Statement of Financial Activities (Incorporating Income and Expenditure Account) For Affinity Missions Year Ended 31 December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
<b>Income</b>					
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	2,800	-	2,800	5,670
Charitable activities	3	12,511	-	12,511	8,860
Gift Aid		275	-	275	380
Interest Received		-	-	-	17
<b>Total income</b>		<b>15,586</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,586</b>	<b>14,927</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities		14,015	-	14,015	11,795
Governance Costs		1,140	-	1,140	1,140
Foreign currency		510	-	510	-
Salaries		273	-	273	164
<b>Total</b>		<b>15,938</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>15,938</b>	<b>13,099</b>
Net movement in funds		(352)	-	(352)	1,828
Reconciliation of funds					
Total Funds brought forward		8,359	-	8,359	6,531
<b>Total funds at 31 December 2020</b>		<b>8,007</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,007</b>	<b>8,359</b>

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## Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2021

	Note	2021	2020
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			
Debtors			
Cash at Bank		15,739	16,082
Cash Floats & Foreign Currency		<u>7,610</u>	<u>4,123</u>
		23,349	20,205
<b>CREDITORS:</b>			
Deferred Income	5	14,202	10,706
Accruals	5	<u>1,140</u>	<u>1,140</u>
		15,342	11,846
<b>NET CURRENT ASSET</b>		8,007	8,359
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>8,007</u>	<u>8,359</u>
<b>CHARITY FUNDS</b>			
Unrestricted Funds	6	<u>8,007</u>	<u>8,359</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>		<u>8,007</u>	<u>8,359</u>

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to small companies subject to the small company's regime and in accordance with FRS102 SORP.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on 22/02/2022 and signed on their behalf by:

  
John Grant  
Missions Director  
CEO  
Chairman

The notes of pages 11 to 13 form part of these financial statements.

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## Notes to the Financial Statements

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#### 1. Accounting policies

##### 1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

These accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with:

the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014.

and with

the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

##### 1.2 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

##### 1.3 Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the Charity has entitlement to the funds, certainty of receipt and the amount can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Donated services or legacies, which comprise donated services, are included in income at a valuation which is an estimate of the financial cost borne by the donor where such a cost is quantifiable and measurable. No income is recognised where there is no financial cost borne by a third party.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

##### 1.4 Governance costs

Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

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### 2. Donation and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Donations	2,800	-	2,800	5,670

### 3. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Charity trading income	12,511	-	12,511	8,860
Charity trading income				
Services	-	-	-	-
Net income from trading activities	12,511	-	12,511	8,860

### 4. Governance costs

	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Restricted Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Governance Auditors' non audit	1,140	-	1,140	1,140
	1,140	-	1,140	1,140

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#### 5. Creditors

	2021	2020
Deferred income	14,202	10,706
Accruals	<u>1,140</u>	<u>1,140</u>
	<u>15,342</u>	<u>11,846</u>

#### 6. Statement of funds

	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Carried Forward £
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	8,359	15,586	(15,938)	8,007
	<u>8,359</u>	<u>15,586</u>	<u>(15,938)</u>	<u>8,007</u>

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## Independent examiner's report For Affinity Missions Year Ended 31 December 2021

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I report on the financial statements of the charity of the Affinity Missions for the year ended 31 December 2021, which are set out on pages 9 to 13

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act")

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which give me cause to believe that in, any respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
- the account did not accord with the accounting records; and
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and the 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 account to be reached.

Signature

Harry Charles Kemp on behalf of

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Chartered Accountants  
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Date: 22/12/22