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Affinity Missions
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Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022



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Chairman's Statement

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I described in our 2021 Report, the great difficulties that were imposed upon us during 2021, concerning the devastating effects of the Covid Pandemic that deterred the progress and production of our international outreach during that year.

And, going on from this, into the new year of 2022, we found that in the first six months of the year, event planning was still proving difficult, regulations and rules varying greatly from country to country and from time to time, but we trusted that from July 2022 things would eventually return to normal and thus with the lifting of restrictions we again travelled abroad, this time to undertake two outreaches in Albania, and continuing into August with a split mission to Macedonia as well, but found that the locals were still nervous about assembling in restaurants resulting in lower attendances than what we had hoped for.

Another after-effect of Covid was a new unreliability in the aircraft industry, one result of which was a twenty four delay with one of our evangelists coming from America, affecting preformed arrangements greatly - however, we were delighted to be able to reach out to even a limited number of people, and one joyful outcome of this was that whilst in Macedonia, we were challenged to return two months later to reach out to ten new towns where we had not previously been, with no funds and no evangelists to do this with and we saw a marvellous unravelling of faith as this took place with two new evangelists and with funding miraculously and sacrificially providing by amazing supporters that resulted in reaching fourteen towns, four more than the "impossible" vision.

This amazing mission was preceeded by a really successful visit to Kosovo with evangelist and long time friend Fane Conant, reaching 20% more people than projected and acquiring a very good response – said Fane, after the mission in his report, "I have never experienced such a great mission in all my many years of evangelism."

Finally in the year came, one the best outreaches we have had at Affinity Missions where, working with a local organiser who has great influence and a massive dedication in creating similar events to us, we were able to reach nearly 1000 people across Armenia – what made this mission even more remarkable was the fact that the day before one of the two evangelists was due to arrive in the country, we received notification that he had not received a replacement for his lost passport, and was thus unable to fulfil his commitments to the mission.

In summary abroad, taking into account all the above problems, we were still able to reach more than 4000 people with the Gospel, and had the incredible satisfaction of seeing more than 1500 peoples lives changed for the better because of it, and know that this change was something that would be forever.

A big thank you goes out to our four extraordinary in-country organisers, Gentjan Dervishaj, Jimmy Simon, Faton Berisha, and Vardan Tadevosyan who worked tirelessly and with great innovation and sacrifice, to bring to fruition these amazing results

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 Without these co-workers, some of which come from as far afield as America. nothing much could have been accomplished, Kate & Adam Grant, Ray Centanni, Seth Buechley, Kenny Cormack, and Jeff Reynolds

We were very thankful for the progress that was made locally during the year, doing 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,

Finally, thanks go to our church partners and supporters locally and abroad that were a vital part in our outreaches- 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.

Finally, I would like to express great appreciation to the Trustees of Affinity Missions without whom our missions 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 continued the volunteer role of "Webmaster" to help liaise with the activities relating to the Charities Commissioner, and the intricacies of the office IT systems. It is great that Eddie and Kenny Cormack, a very close associate of Affinity Missions remained available to visit and support our missions physically

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 had become a successful church plant in 2021. A place of honour is given to the late Nigel Gordon, whose value as a board member cannot be evaluated by any means at all – he passed to Glory on the 21st January, 2023, and will be greatly missed and hugely cherished.

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, Again, this Kingdom oriented partner hugely facilitated by financial and consultancy means, massive enrichment to Affinity Missions this year, and played a major part in making happen, many of the missions that were accomplished. 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



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Trustees' Report For Affinity Missions Year Ended 31 December 2022

Trustees:

Eddie Boghossian		Appointed 8 October 2018
Joanna Foster		Appointed 8 October 2018
Nigel Gordon		Appointed 8 October 2018 deceased 21 January, 2023
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 2022. 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 October 2019.

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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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 1500 volunteers were involved in the events conducted by Affinity Missions and its charitable partners, in the United Kingdom and abroad

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 following the Covid 19 circumstances.

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

Outcomes:

4780 people attended our affinity events abroad.

2628 were guests at the events of which.

1537 responded, a 59 % response rate.

1241 requested more information.

1256 said they would like to attend the Next Steps events.

376 requested a home visit.

Attendance targets – 14.3 % less than projected, one reason being a nervousness to be gathering in public, occasioned by the international Covid epidemic

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 the establishment of a church in Broadstairs.

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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
- 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 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 restricted funds available of £23,924

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 2023, 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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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.

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 dated 31 October 2022 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

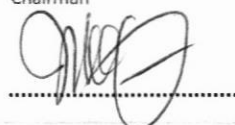
The Charity does not hold funds as custodian.

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

This report was approved by the trustees on 10/08/23 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 2022

		Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
	Note				
Income					
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	26,283	-	26,283	2,800
Charitable activities	3	36,800		36,800	12,511
Gift Aid		150		150	275
Ukraine Humanitarian Admin		345	-	345	
Other		2,044		2,044	
Total income		65,622	-	65,622	15,586
Expenditure					
Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities		43,898	-	43,898	14,015
Governance Costs		1,254	-	1,254	1,140
Foreign currency		-		-	510
Salaries / Administration Fees		4,553		4,553	273
Total		49,705	-	49,705	15,938
Net movement in funds		15,917	-	15,917	(352)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total Funds brought forward		8,007		8,007	8,359
Total funds at 31 December 2022		23,924		23,924	8,007

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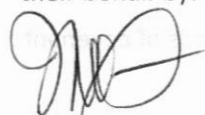
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Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2022

	Note	2022	2021
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at Bank		34,735	15,739
Cash Floats & Foreign Currency		<u>4,613</u>	<u>7,610</u>
		39,348	23,349
CREDITORS:			
Deferred Income	5	14,170	14,202
Accruals	5	<u>1,254</u>	<u>1,140</u>
		15,424	15,342
NET CURRENT ASSET		23,924	8,007
NET ASSETS		<u>23,924</u>	<u>8,007</u>
CHARITY FUNDS			
Unrestricted Funds	6	<u>23,924</u>	<u>8,007</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>23,924</u>	<u>8,007</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 10/09/23 and signed on their behalf by:



John Grant

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements For Affinity Missions Year Ended 31 December 2022

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 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donations	26,283	-	26,283	2,800

3. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Charity trading income	36,800	-	36,800	12,511
Charity trading income	36,800	-	36,800	12,511
Services	-	-	-	-
Net income from trading activities	36,800	-	36,800	12,511

4. Governance costs

	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Restricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Governance Auditors' non audit	1,254	-	1,254	1,140
	1,254	-	1,254	1,140

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5. Creditors

	2022	2021
Deferred income	14,170	14,202
Accruals	1,254	1,140
	15,424	15,342

6. Statement of funds

	Brought Forward	Income	Expenditure	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds	8,007	65,622	(49,705)	23,924
General funds				
	8,007	65,622	(49,705)	23,924

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Independent examiner's report For Affinity Missions Year Ended 31 December 2022

I report on the financial statements of the charity Affinity Missions for the year ended 31 December 2022, 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 2015 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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Date: 11/3/2023