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Affinity Missions
(A Charity constituted as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation)
Financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2023



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Chairman's Statement

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2023 must go down with Affinity Missions, as the year of consolidated emergence from the universal restraint of the Covid virus that brought the world to its knees and caused great restriction to the evangelistic outreach of Affinity Missions for a long period of time.

Over the past two years, funding resources had taken a knock because of Covid inactivity resulting also in previously established evangelists not being readily available for outreach work, but nevertheless it was very encouraging to be able to replicate during this year, the same number of outreaches per year that we had done the previous year, and great to realize that things could be returning to a situation as in years prior where our Organisation was producing eight or nine outreaches, and reaching higher percentages of people within the events. It is a joy to see, as we have been preparing our 2023 Final Accounts that include this report, that of all the years of activity since inception, we can look forward to mission reserve finances like never before, for 2024.

In addition to matters abroad, with my last annual report, I was very thankful for the opportunity that we were able to embrace that year, the continuance of local mission activity under the working name of Westover Beacon, continuing to not only fulfil our objects, but adding to them with 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 in Christianity, and the good news is that these small opportunities last year have eventuated in much more substantial outreach during the course of 2023, with much more promise for 2024.

In as early as March, opportunity arose to go North Macedonia, and with Covid restrictions now gone, what a joy it was to see the Gospel being shared by Kate Grant and members of her Beacon Church team, and received so profusely by the hearers – an amazing response percentage of 60% happened.

The March Mission very successfully paved the way for two following outreaches to other parts of North Macedonia in the month of May. The first one saw one of the doyens of the Affinity Missions evangelistic team, Ray Centanni, travel all the way from California to once again reap a massive harvest (77% of invited guests made a positive response to the Gospel), right across the country, and saw the team travel across the Greek border for a meeting with a pastor from Athens, with a view towards the possibility of setting up future missions in Greece.

The second mission saw Kenny Cormack from Scotland join with Kate Grant to make a really great team, again reaping a harvest in excess of 70% in many different cities, towns and villages. Kate, who loves working with Romani people, had some astonishing events, the team visiting once again the hills of Prilep where Jimmy Simon is in the process of creating, not just a strong local church for the three parts of this absolutely impoverished neighborhood, but a multicultural Centre for the purposes of providing basic human resources of which there are none in these shanty towns with no sewerage, electricity, shops or even roads Affinity Missions is helping Jimmy to achieve this very humanitarian vision. One highlight of this trip was an amazing Ladies event in Veles, the second largest city of North Macedonia.

It was fantastic to once again visit the two neighbouring countries of Kosovo and Albania later in the year in August and September (I first made contact with them two decades ago) Evangelist Fane Conant was very much welcomed in Kosovo again, and warmly invited to return again in 2024. Fane is a man that spends a lot in time getting to know the history, culture and religious beliefs of those he is going to minister to, and therefore a very effective evangelist.

Albania in September enjoyed the experience of Ray Centanni, coupled with the youthful vigor of Adam Grant and Iain Campbell, another Scottish evangelist – other parts of the country received a remarkable impact.

Perhaps the capstone mission for the year was the visit to Armenia of evangelists Jeff Reynolds from Springfield, Missouri, and Alan Heavey from England. Jeff (who was introduced to Affinity Missions by former Chairman, Paul Scriber, is a remarkable evangelist who gets on with everybody, is well liked and does a superb job of preaching the Gospel. Alan Heavey, who has in the past lead thousands of people to Christ, has since Covid, been laid aside by agonizing impairment that has prevented him from his invaluable role with Affinity Missions. But, having had two hip replacements, was now ready to venture back to overseas ministry.

Barely a week before the mission date, neighbouring Azerbaijan declared war upon the Armenian enclave of Karabakh, located within Azerbaijan, close to the border, and forced basically the whole of the area to abandon their homes and belongings and flee for their lives to Armenia. This threatened to scupper the mission, but it fact it added to it, because we were able to incorporate wonderfully successful and helpful ministry to 100,000 refugees.

A big thank you goes out to all our in-country organisers abroad, Jimmy Simon in North Macedonia, Gentjan Dervishaj in Albania, Faton Berisha in Kosovo, and Vardan Tadesvosyan in Armenia – without these amazing people and their local teams, we could have achieved nothing.

Finally, thanks go to our church partners and supporters locally and abroad that have been 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.

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.

Another Board Member to acknowledge for efforts beyond normal trustee duties, is Kate Grant who has been behind the many impactful activities of Westover Beacon.

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 hugely significant ongoing role in prayerful, financial and administrative support.

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

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Trustees:

Eddie Boghossian		Resigned 29 March 2023
Barbara 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

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 2023. 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 North Macedonia, three organised missions, also in Albania, plus missions to Kosovo and Armenia and much activity was carried out in England.

Outcomes:

3094 people attended our affinity events abroad.

1940 were guests at the events of which.

1356 responded, a 70 % response rate.

919 requested more information.

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

195 requested a home visit.

Attendance targets – 14.2 % less than projected, one major reason being the war between Armenia and Azerbaijan over Karabakh, which saw a drop in expected attendance of 17.6%

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 Westover.

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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 £31,461.

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

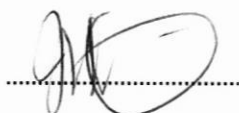
The Charity does not hold funds as custodian.

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

This report was approved by the trustees on.....^{9 April 24}..... 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 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Income					
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	2	4,413	-	4,413	26,283
Charitable activities	3	49,825	-	49,825	36,800
Gift Aid		415	-	415	150
Ukraine Humanitarian Admin		-	-	-	345
Other		260	-	260	2,044
Investment income		4	-	4	-
Total income		54,917	-	54,917	65,622
Expenditure					
Expenditure on:					
Charitable Activities	4	41,066	-	41,066	43,898
Governance Costs	5	1,314	-	1,314	1,254
Salaries / Administration Fees		5,000	-	5,000	4,553
Total		47,380	-	47,380	49,705
Net movement in funds		7,537	-	7,537	15,917
Reconciliation of funds					
Total Funds brought forward		23,924	-	23,924	8,007
Total funds at 31 December 2023		31,461		31,461	23,924

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Balance Sheet As at 31 December 2023

	Note	2023	2022
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors		-	-
Balance in Current Account		18,125	34,735
Balance in Savings Account		40,004	-
Cash Floats & Foreign Currency		3,330	4,613
		<u>61,459</u>	<u>39,348</u>
CREDITORS	6		
Deferred Income		28,684	14,170
Accruals		1,314	1,254
		<u>29,998</u>	<u>15,424</u>
NET CURRENT ASSET		31,461	23,924
NET ASSETS		<u>31,461</u>	<u>23,924</u>
CHARITY FUNDS			
Unrestricted Funds	7	31,461	23,924
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>31,461</u>	<u>23,924</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 and signed on their behalf by:



John Grant

Missions Director
CEO
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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

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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 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations	4,413	-	4,413	26,283

3. Income From Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Mission income	49,825	-	49,825	36,800
Services	-	-	-	-
Net income from Charitable Activities	49,825	-	49,825	36,800

4. Expenses on Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Mission costs	36,897	-	36,897	41,744
Insurance	654	-	654	437
Travel & motor	1,216	-	1,216	654
Technical support	182	-	182	10
Telephone	865	-	865	492
Post & stationery	583	-	583	561
Equipment	669	-	669	-
Total Charitable Activity Costs	41,066	-	41,066	43,898

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5. Governance costs

	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Independent Examiners Fee	1,314	-	1,314	1,254

6. Creditors

	2023 £	2022 £
Deferred income	28,684	14,170
Accruals	1,314	1,254
	29,998	15,424

7. Statement of funds

	Brought Forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Carried Forward £
Unrestricted funds				
General funds	23,924	54,917	(47,380)	31,461
	23,924	54,917	(47,380)	31,461

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Independent examiner's report For Affinity Missions Year Ended 31 December 2023

I report on the financial statements of the charity Affinity Missions for the year ended 31 December 2023, 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: 10 April 24