

REGISTERED CHARITY – 1188733

GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN YOUTH

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021**

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REFERENCE DETAILS

Registered charity	1188733
Principal address	Felden Lodge, Felden Lane, Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire HP3 0BL

GOVERNANCE DETAILS

Trustees	Simon Gallaher Paul Kabanda Ane Kristiansen David Martin Tim Pratt Bill Stevenson	United Kingdom Uganda Denmark United Kingdom New Zealand United Kingdom (resigned 8 January 2021)
General Manager	Bill Stevenson (from 9 January 2021)	
Treasurer	David Martin	
Independent Examiner	A C Kensett FMAAT FCCA Sheen Stickland, 7 East Pallant, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1TR	
Investment Manager	CCLA, Senator House, Queen Victoria Street, London EC4V 4ET	
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The Trustees present their report with the financial accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2021.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The Charity is a charitable incorporated organisation which is governed by its constitution. It has been registered with the Charity Commission since 24 March 2020. It is the successor charity to an unincorporated organisation of the same name with heritage dating back to 1963.

The Charity is called Global Fellowship of Christian Youth and was formerly the World Conference of The Boys' Brigade. The Charity operates as the Global Fellowship of The Boys' Brigade and other Christian organisations.

Organisational structure

The Charity's Council meets every three years, or more often if requested to do so by not less than five member organisations. The next Council meeting will take place in Uganda in August 2022.

The Charity co-operates closely with its members who are autonomous and corresponds with individual groups and units only with the knowledge and consent of the Members which are the national body.

Transfer of charitable undertaking and merger

The Charity received a transfer of charitable undertaking and merger from Global Fellowship of Christian Youth (registered charity 275036) with effect from 00.01am on 1 January 2021. This resulted in a Net Assets transfer of £746,078 of predominantly cash and investments. Given identical Charitable Objectives, the continuing nature of the Charity's work remains unchanged and the transaction is recognised on the Charity Commission's Register of Mergers.

Recruitment, appointment, induction and training of new trustees

The Executive Committee is the trustee board of the Charity. They are elected at Council in accordance with the Constitution from amongst the representatives of members attending the Council meeting. The Executive Committee may co-opt additional members where the need arises.

New trustees are briefed on their election and receive an induction pack designed to assist them perform their duties, including copies of the Constitution, recent financial information, policy documents, Executive Committee minutes and Charity Commission publications.

Risk management

The Executive Committee has a duty to identify and review the risks to which the Charity is exposed and to ensure that appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

The Executive Committee has examined the major risks which the Charity faces. It has established systems to enable regular reports to be produced whereby reasonable and prudent steps can be taken to mitigate exposure.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objections and aims

The Charity is a global network whose purpose is the advancement of Christ's Kingdom, the promotion of education and relief of poverty amongst the youth of the world by serving and supporting member organisations. Its current objectives are identified within the Executive Committee's Strategic Plan which is available on the Charity's website.

Volunteers

The Executive Committee members are the trustees of the Charity and give their time free of charge. Although out of pocket expenses where reasonably incurred are reimbursed, some Executive Committee members are supported by their member organisation with cost and travel support or through personal means.

The Charity also benefits from several volunteers who willingly give of their time without charge. Where claimed, reasonable travel expenses are paid.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Public benefit and charitable activities

The Executive Committee has complied with the requirements in Section 17 Charities Act 2011 and has had due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission and confirm that it complies in all respects.

In the year under review, the Charity has sought to further its charitable purposes for the public benefit by continuing its efforts to encourage member organisations to develop their own capacity and self-sufficiency, membership growth and leadership training.

The COVID-19 pandemic had a major effect on the Charity's work. For the first time ever, the Executive Committee were unable to meet in person during the year. The closure of international borders put an end to all travel plans and the ability to have face to face contact with member organisations. However, the Global Fellowship family is very resilient and as national lockdowns were applied members moved to hosting virtual meetings for their young people. These proved most successful. It has been encouraging to hear reports of young people still engaging on a weekly basis. These online platforms have also generated opportunities for on-line international exchanges.

The Council meeting in 2019 agreed a new strategic plan and the Executive Committee have worked to find new ways of delivering it given the pandemic. The Executive Committee was delighted that Bill Stevenson, a past Brigade Secretary of BBUK, took over as General Manager in January. Bill brought with him much experience of the youth work sector and the Brigade worldwide and he has already been working hard to raise the Charity's profile and improve engagement with the membership. New technology like Zoom and WhatsApp has been put to good use to re-establish contact with many member organisations. As a result of gathering more database information across the network, an improved view has been gained of the strengths and needs of our members.

As a result of the pandemic, the African Development Manager has been working on reduced hours. However, Masauso Mwanza has still managed to provide support and encouragement to member organisations in the African region. Prior to lockdown, training workshops took place and visits were made to member organisations. Since then, support moved online to overcome travel barriers. The

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Charity has continued to assist member organisations improve their governance systems. The Executive Committee agreed to provide emergency funding to BB Zimbabwe to help them rebuild their organisation which had suffered under the previous government regime. The Charity has been working hard to provide support to improve the governance and sustainability of our member organisations in DRC Congo, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Tanzania & Zimbabwe.

In May 2021, Global Fellowship also had its first ever GF Week. Everything happened on-line, but it was great to have contributions from many different nations and see people connecting with others they had never met before. Each day started with a short prayer for the day based on the theme of children in the bible. Furthermore, stories were broadcast for younger children using various storytellers from across the world. Other activities included a talk on the history of GF by the Archivist and many members took part in an international connections workshop webinar. The week culminated in a special virtual service for Pentecost Sunday led by Tim Pratt, Chair of Trustees. Overall, the total audience was greater than anticipated and reached over 9,000 people. Many of the videos have now been watched over 500 times.

The Charity's monthly newsletter continues to be an excellent way to share information across the network and the number of subscribers has increased as well as a greater up take of interest in Global Fellowship social media posts.

During the year, it was pleasing to welcome the return of a uniformed BB Companies in India. Work is also taking place with churches in Pakistan to introduce the BB and eighteen groups are now operating there. Support and initial training have been put in place and prayerful support given that this new work will flourish in the years ahead.

The Charity is now working with churches in Ethiopia to start The Boys' Brigade there. This is taking place in partnership with the Bishop of the Horn of Africa and BB Kenya who are key members of this initiative. Some support has also been provided to assist training initiatives in Sierra Leone and the Solomon Islands.

The Charity was delighted to have been granted observer status at the COP26 Conference held in Scotland in November 2021. It is believed that it is the first time Global Fellowship has participated in a United Nations international event.

The Charity is particularly thankful to the vast army of volunteer leaders and small staff teams who have managed so well to keep their organisations operating throughout 2021.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial activities

The Charity has prepared its accounts using the receipts and payments basis as prescribed by the Charity Commission. Given the level of income, an independent examination is commissioned on an annual basis.

This is the first year of the Charity operating in its charitable incorporated organisation status.

The Charity's unrestricted income on ordinary activities was £33,035 against which £34,796 was expended. The lower operating costs were due to Covid limiting the ability to travel and visit member organisations. During the year, £15,000 of investments were encashed to maintain working balances.

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As noted above, the Charity received a transfer of Net Assets from its predecessor organisation. This resulted in £47,565 of cash at bank and £696,822 of investments being received.

In 2021, further positive engagement steps were made with more member organisations now making statistical returns and paying subscriptions. Whilst there is clearly a long way to go, it is pleasing to note progress. The Executive Committee's policy remains that grants or financial support will only be made to Member organisations who have contributed subscriptions and membership information.

The Charity is very grateful to its donors in supporting the work of Global Fellowship. The Charity wishes to extend its individual donor base during 2022 as well as attract further trust funding.

Investment performance

The Executive Committee's investment strategy is to hold its investment fund in an established charitable investment fund. CCLA Investment Management undertake this using their Ethical Investment Fund. The Charity's investments are held as income generating units and operate on a much lower cost basis than the former Barclays arrangements. In addition, a higher bank balance is now being held to provide working capital.

The Investment Fund returned £21,169 of income along with an unrealised market valuation increase. The Executive Committee is pleased with investment performance and the lower operating costs.

Investment policy

The Charity's investment policy is aimed at maintaining the real value of the portfolio and generating a reasonable level of income to support its operational strategy. The Executive Committee undertook its periodic investment strategy review in November 2020 and the continued use of pooled charitable investment funds was agreed.

Reserves policy

The Executive Committee has adopted a reserves policy which recognised that its investment income and suitable use of its portfolio is essential for funding its activities. The Charity's medium to long term aim is to sustainably deploy its reserves in assisting member organisations to become self-sustaining and capable of supporting their local work as well as the international aspects of the Global Fellowship.

The Charity has no long term or significant liabilities. As a result, it is a going concern which has access to the necessary funds to cope with emergencies and contingencies.

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

The Charity looks forward to its Council event in Uganda in August 2022. The Charity is continuing to deliver its three-year Strategy and looks forward to refreshing this at the Council event in Uganda in August 2022.

The Charity is committed to increasing international connections and making all members at local level aware they are part of the worldwide BB family.

Ever since Sir William Smith founded the Brigade in 1883, it has been an integral part of the mission of many churches. The member organisations continue to be a great source for good in this troubled world and never forget the real need to spread the Good News of the Kingdom to young people across

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the globe. Grateful thanks are given for all the young people who have come to faith due to the dedicated work of so many leaders across all 60 member organisations and 750,000 members.

This report was approved by the Executive Committee of Trustees on 24 June 2022 and signed on its behalf.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Pratt', followed by a horizontal line.

Tim Pratt
Trustee and Chair of Executive Committee

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Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees
Year ended 31 December 2021

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Global Fellowship of Christian Youth ('Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I confirm that there are no other matters to which your attention should be drawn to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



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Date:30/6/2022.....

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary income					
Donations	6,076	-	-	6,076	-
Gift aid	401	-	-	401	-
Investment income					
Dividend income	20,174	-	995	21,169	-
Exceptional items	-	-	-	-	-
Income from charitable activities					
General income	6,384	-	-	6,384	-
Total income	33,035	-	995	34,030	-
Investment sales	15,000	-	-	15,000	-
Cash transfer from GF (unincorporated)	44,624	2,941	-	47,565	-
Total receipts	92,659	2,941	995	96,595	-
PAYMENTS					
Cost of raising funds					
Staff/establishment costs	2,204	-	-	2,204	-
Charitable activities					
Staff/establishment costs	15,425	-	-	15,425	-
Investing in Organisations	9,490	-	-	9,490	-
Marketing	1,337	-	-	1,337	-
Governance costs					
Trustee meetings	-	-	-	-	-
Staff/establishment costs	1,102	-	-	1,102	-
Independent examination	990	-	-	990	-
Support costs					
Staff/establishment costs	3,305	-	-	3,305	-
Insurance	518	-	-	518	-
Bank charges	425	-	-	425	-
	34,796	-	-	34,796	-
Investment purchases	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	34,796	-	-	34,796	-
Net receipts/(payments)	57,863	-	995	58,858	-
Transfers	995	-	(995)	-	-
Cash brought forward	-	-	-	-	-
Cash carried forward	58,858	2,941	-	61,799	-

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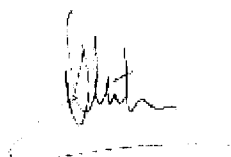
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2021 £	Total 2020 £
CASH ASSETS					
Bank of Scotland	58,858	2,941	-	61,799	-
Total - cash	58,858	2,941	-	61,799	-
ASSETS					
Gift aid claim due	-	-	-	-	-
Total – other assets	-	-	-	-	-
LIABILITIES					
Accounts due	(1,224)	-	-	(1,224)	-
Total – liabilities	(1,224)	-	-	(1,224)	-
INVESTMENTS					
Market value	738,920	-	36,442	775,362	-
Total – investments	738,920	-	36,442	775,362	-
TOTAL FUNDS	796,554	2,941	36,442	835,937	-

The accounts were approved by the Trustee Board on 24 June 2022 and signed on its behalf by:



Tim Pratt
Trustee and Chairman



David Martin
Trustee and Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
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	As at 1 January 2021 £	Merger transfer in £	Net cash movements £	Gains / (Losses) £	Transfers £	As at 31 December 2021 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS						
Cash	-	44,624	13,239	-	995	58,858
Debtors	-	1,691	(401)	(1,290)	-	-
Liabilities	-	-	-	(1,224)	-	(1,224)
Investments	-	664,072	-	74,848	-	738,920
	-	710,387	12,838	72,334	995	796,554
RESTRICTED FUNDS						
Regional funds	-	703	-	-	-	703
PC of Ireland (Malawi)	-	2,238	-	-	-	2,238
	-	2,941	-	-	-	2,941
ENDOWMENT FUNDS						
Dennis Webb fund	-	32,750	995	3,692	(995)	36,442
	-	32,750	995	3,692	(995)	36,442
TOTAL FUNDS	-	746,078	13,833	76,026	-	835,937