

REGISTERED CHARITY – 1188733

GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN YOUTH

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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REFERENCE DETAILS

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

GOVERNANCE DETAILS

Trustees	Kamphata Botha Simon Gallaher Paul Kabanda Ane Kristiansen David Martin Margaret Pang Khareem Perry Kim Koch Rasmussen Tim Pratt Bill Stevenson	Zambia (appointed 19 August 2022) United Kingdom (resigned 19 August 2022) Uganda (resigned 19 August 2022) Denmark (resigned 19 August 2022) United Kingdom United Kingdom (appointed 19 August 2022) Trinidad (appointed 19 August 2022) Denmark (appointed 19 August 2022) New Zealand (resigned 19 August 2022) United Kingdom (resigned 8 January 2021)
General Manager	Bill Stevenson	
Treasurer	David Martin	
Independent Examiner	A C Kensett FMAAT FCCA Sheen Stickland, 7 East Pallant, Chichester, West Sussex PO19 1TR	
Investment Manager	CCLA, 1 Angel Lane, London EC4R 3AB	
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The Trustees present their report with the financial accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2022.

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 most recent Council meeting took 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.

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.

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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.

During the year, Tim Pratt and Ane Kolby Kristiansen retired as trustees at the end of their nine-year terms. Also, Paul Kabanda and Simon Gallaher also stood down. At the Uganda Council meeting in August 2022, the Charity extended its grateful thanks for the service given by Tim, Ane, Paul and Simon during their trusteeship. The Charity was also pleased to welcome Kamphata Botha (Zambia), Margaret Pang (UK), Khareem Perry (Trinidad) and Kim Koch Rasmussen (Denmark) as trustees on the Executive Committee. David Martin (UK) continues to serve as Treasurer and Trustee.

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.

Although COVID restrictions remained in place in many parts of the world, 2022 witnessed a welcome return to normal for most of our member organisations. Weekly meetings, residentials, church parades and other activities have resumed, and it has been encouraging to see young people once again enjoying these programmes.

The Charity was delighted to appoint Rev The Lord Griffiths of Burry Port as its first Patron. Leslie Griffiths was previously the Brigade President in the UK and is well known to many members. As a member of the UK House of Lords and the Council of Europe, he has many useful connections to help support the Charity's work.

In Spring 2022, the Charity supported Martha Kakyo, a young leader from Boys' and Girls' Brigade Uganda, to attend the impressive community development course "Changemakers" which took place at FDF's High School in Silkeborg, Denmark. It was a totally different experience for Martha, and it is hoped that she will be able to utilise many of the skills she learnt in her own organisation.

The second GF Week took place in May and, again, it was a great success. Each day, a different worship slot was broadcast and music videos from across the world were also shared. The content was widely shared via social media and enabled us to increase the profile of the charity. As part of a social action response, members were encouraged to plant a tree in their own areas. The week culminated in a virtual service for Pentecost Sunday led by Tim Pratt, the then Chair of Trustees. During the week, the Charity managed to reach an audience of over 10,000 people and it was a great way to raise awareness of GF with local leaders.

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During the year, the Charity's African Development Manager has continued to support development work across the continent. Although there has been a particular focus on DR Congo, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Tanzania and Zimbabwe, work has also continued with churches in Ethiopia. The Charity was pleased to be able to extend the Partnership Agreement with BB Zambia and Masauso Mwanza's contract for a further three years. The Charity is grateful to him and all the trainers in Africa who have provided such dedicated work during the year. The Charity has also continued to help the newly formed BB Pakistan develop their programmes.

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the Council Meeting and Conference which was held in Kampala, Uganda from the 17 to 21 August. Although international travel costs were still expensive, the Charity was delighted that member organisations from twelve countries were able to attend. The conference commenced with an impressive service at Church of Uganda's Namirembe Cathedral which was graced with the presence of the Archbishop of Uganda. During the time together, delegates took part in various workshops on youth empowerment, the Duke of Edinburgh Award, sustainable development goals and succession planning. It was not all hard work and members also enjoyed a visit to Entebbe Zoo and a beating retreat by local bands.

As part of the conference the triennial general Council meeting took place on Friday 19 August. For the first time, the Council meeting was live streamed across the world. Members received various updates on development activities, finance and agreed a few minor changes to the constitution. A new three-year Strategic Plan was also agreed. As set out in the volunteer section above, new Executive Committee was elected. The Charity is grateful to all the members of Boys' and Girls' Brigade Uganda who worked so hard to help make the time in Kampala such a success.

The new Executive Committees met in person in London in November and Kamphata Botha was elected as chair. The Executive Committee along with the General Manager and African Development Manager have now made a start on implementing the new strategic plan. One exciting development as part of the plan has been the establishment of a GF Young Leader's Group which has started operating since the Kampala Council meeting.

Having now received observer status from the United Nations, the Charity was pleased to send two delegates to the important COP27 Climate Change Conference which took place in Sharm el Sheikh, Egypt in November. As part of its ongoing work plan, the Charity has been highlighting the importance of the UN Sustainable Development Goals and encouraging member organisations to include these in their own national activity programmes.

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 we have also seen an increase in the number of followers we have on social media. Bill Stevenson our General Manager has continued to connect with members via Zoom and other platforms; as a result there is a far better understanding of the needs and issues facing members.

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 2022.

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 second year of the Charity operating in its charitable incorporated organisation status.

The Charity's unrestricted income on ordinary activities was £34,063, against which £72,698 was expended. The higher operating costs were due to holding a Council meeting in Uganda and the support given to visit member organisations. Whilst no investments were encashed during 2022, it is envisaged that working balances will need to be topped up from this source during the first half of 2023.

In 2022, 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 2023, 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 £21,158 (2021: £21,168) of income. However, due to turbulent global investment markets, an unrealised valuation loss was experienced. Despite this, the Executive Committee is pleased with investment performance which is consistent with general charity sector investment trends.

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 delivering its three-year Strategy.

The Charity is committed to increasing international connections and making all members at local level aware that 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 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 16 August 2023 and signed on its behalf.



Kamphata Botha
Trustee and Chair of Executive Committee

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Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees
Year ended 31 December 2022

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 2022.

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:29/8/2023.....

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
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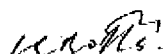
	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
RECEIPTS					
Voluntary income					
Donations	6,628	-	-	6,628	6,076
Gift aid	-				401
Investment income					
Dividend income	20,164	-	994	21,158	21,169
Income from charitable activities					
General income	7,271	5,338	-	12,609	6,384
Total income	34,063	5,338	994	40,395	34,030
Investment sales	-	-	-	-	15,000
Cash transfer from GF (unincorporated)	-	-	-	-	47,565
Total receipts	34,063	5,338	994	40,395	96,595
PAYMENTS					
Cost of raising funds					
Staff/establishment costs	2,651	-	-	2,651	2,204
Charitable activities					
Staff/establishment costs	18,554	-	-	18,554	15,425
Investing in Organisations	33,465	1,639	-	35,104	9,490
Marketing	371	-	-	371	1,337
Governance costs					
Trustee meetings	10,208	-	-	10,208	-
Staff/establishment costs	1,325	-	-	1,325	1,102
Independent examination	1,020	-	-	1,020	990
Support costs					
Staff/establishment costs	3,976	-	-	3,976	3,305
Insurance	517	-	-	517	518
Bank charges	610	-	-	610	425
	72,697	1,639	-	74,336	34,796
Investment purchases	-				-
Total expenditure	72,697	1,639	-	74,336	34,796
Net receipts/(payments)	(38,634)	3,699	994	(33,941)	61,799
Transfers	994	-	(994)	-	-
Cash brought forward	58,858	2,941	-	61,799	-
Cash carried forward	21,218	6,640	-	27,858	61,799

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
CASH ASSETS					
Bank of Scotland	21,218	6,640	-	27,858	61,799
Total - cash	21,218	6,640	-	27,858	61,799
ASSETS					
Monies due to Charity	-	-	-	-	-
Total – other assets	-	-	-	-	-
LIABILITIES					
Accounts due	-	-	-	-	(1,224)
Total – liabilities	-	-	-	-	(1,224)
INVESTMENTS					
Market value	647,121	-	31,915	679,036	775,362
Total – investments	647,121	-	31,915	679,036	775,362
TOTAL FUNDS	668,339	6,640	31,915	706,894	835,937

The accounts were approved by the Trustee Board on 16 August 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Kamphata Botha
Trustee and Chairman



David Martin
Trustee and Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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	As at 1 January 2022 £	Net cash movements £	Gains / (Losses) £	Transfers £	As at 31 December 2022 £
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
Cash	58,858	(38,635)	-	994	21,218
Debtors	-	-	-	-	-
Liabilities	(1,224)	1,224	-	-	-
Investments	738,920	-	(91,798)	-	647,121
	796,554	(37,411)	(91,798)	994	668,339
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Regional funds	703	-	-	-	703
Malawi fund PCI/CMF	2,238	3,699	-	-	5,937
	2,941	3,699	-	-	6,640
ENDOWMENT FUNDS					
Dennis Webb fund	36,442	994	(4,527)	(994)	31,915
	36,442	994	(4,527)	(994)	31,915
TOTAL FUNDS	835,937	(32,718)	(96,325)	-	706,894