

REGISTERED CHARITY – 1188733

GLOBAL FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN YOUTH

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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REFERENCE DETAILS

Registered charity 1188733

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

GOVERNANCE DETAILS

| | | |
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| Trustees | Kamphata Botha | Zambia |
| | David Martin | United Kingdom |
| | Margaret Pang | United Kingdom |
| | Khareem Perry | Trinidad |
| | Kim Koch Rasmussen | Denmark |

General Manager Bill Stevenson

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The Trustees present their report with the financial accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

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 next one will be held in Ghana in August 2025.

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, Kamphata Botha (Zambia), Margaret Pang (UK), Khareem Perry (Trinidad) and Kim Koch Rasmussen (Denmark) served as trustees on the Executive Committee. David Martin (UK) continued to serve as Treasurer and Trustee.

The Charity is pleased to now have its own Young Leaders Group chaired by Kayinga Brolyn from Uganda. Succession planning is key to future success and as well as planning various events. The YL group has kept the Charity focused on the important 18–30-year-old age group.

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.

It was so encouraging to see members activities returning to normal after the pandemic. At this stage, it is still too early to judge the overall effect of COVID on the network. Whilst it appears that some members have seen an overall reduction in activities, it is pleasing to witness amazing growth in many other member countries.

During the year, the General Manager and the African Development Manager have continued to support development work across the globe. In Africa, focus has been maintained on assisting DR Congo, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Tanzania and Zimbabwe. The Charity was delighted that pilot companies have now been set up in Ethiopia and new work continues with Churches in Pakistan. Furthermore, progress has been made in re-starting Regional Fellowship meetings in Africa. In October, the Charity co-hosted a Virtual Founders Day Event along with BB Malaysia and BB Australia. Also, there was a joint Executive Committee meeting with colleagues on the BB Asia Executive Committee. The Charity has continued to partner with the International Duke of Edinburgh award and see a number of members introduce The Award into their national programmes. The Executive Committee recognise that more fundraising work needs to be done and the Christmas Appeal helped to raise some valuable funds for the organisation.

GF Week took place in May in the run up to Pentecost and again appeared to be a great way to raise awareness of our work. A daily prayer slot on the theme of "It's God's World" was broadcast via social media. Each day, a different worship slot was broadcast and music videos from across the world were

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also shared. This year, groups were encouraged to get involved in tidying up land in their own area or doing a beach clean. It was encouraging to see so many groups responding positively to this. The content was widely shared via social media and proved to be a good way to increase the profile of the Charity.

With travel returning to normal, the General Manager was able to resume face to face meetings with members. Early in the year, he travelled to the Caribbean Region and was able to visit the Brigade in Trinidad, Jamaica and the Bahamas. Everyone involved agreed that there is still scope to grow the Brigade further in that area. August saw Bill Stevenson in Nigeria, Ghana, Rwanda and Uganda. As well as visiting BB groups, he was also able to meet with church leaders, politicians and senior government officials including His Excellency The Vice-President of Ghana. Bill was also able to meet with leaders in The Boys' and Girls' Brigade Canada. In November, Bill travelled to Kuala Lumpur to participate in the very successful BB Asia Conference and AGM event. The Africa Development Manager also managed to visit Ethiopia and South Africa. The networking and individual contacts made during these visits have proved vital in building relationships across the network.

The Charity continued to support Young Leaders work throughout the year. The Charity's Young Leader network continues to meet on a regular basis and now has good representation across most of the Members. In July, support was given to two young leaders from the Bahamas to attend the prestigious KGV Leadership Course organised at Carronvale House in the UK. As well as attending the course, Shane and Joanel had a full programme of visits across Scotland including attending the Edinburgh International Tattoo. Morten Sigaard and Nadia Aron Pilgaard from the FDF in Denmark represented the Fellowship at the UN's COP28 climate change conference in Dubai. They both agreed it was a tremendous experience being at COP and being able to act as ambassadors for Global Fellowship at such a high-level and important event.

The Executive Committee met in person in Edinburgh in June and on other occasions during the year via Zoom. Good progress has been made on implementing the three-year development plan which was agreed at the 2023 Council meeting. Over the year, it was good to see a marked increase in the number of followers using social media. There was also an increase in the readership of monthly newsletters. Under the Chairmanship of Kamphata Botha from BB Zambia, ExCo are committed to ensuring that trustees and the staff team do their utmost to support Member Organisations.

The Executive Committee are very grateful to the dedicated and faithful supporters who regularly donate financially to support the Charity's work. Thanks also go to the many thousands of office-bearers, staff members and leaders in member organisations who do so much on a weekly basis to maintain the work of the Brigade across the world. Thanks also go to the trustees and small staff team.

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.

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The Charity's unrestricted income on ordinary activities was £34,512, against which £57,823 was expended. £15,000 of investments were sold during the year to fund day to day expenditure. More will need to be sold in early 2024 to maintain working capital.

It is pleasing to note that more member organisations are now contributing subscription fees. This is welcome. 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 2024, 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.

The Investment Fund returned £21,103 (2022: £21,158) of income. Although £15,000 of investment units were sold during the year to fund operations, the dividend remained stable. The Executive Committee is pleased with investment performance which is consistent with general charity sector investment trends. The capital performance of the investment fund rose on an unrealised basis incorporating stock market improvements in the second half of the year.

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 2023 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 Strategic Plan and to holding the next Triennial Council in 2025. It is also hoped to introduce The Boys' Brigade to a number of new countries, and to also host the first Young Leaders event in many years.

The Charity is committed to increasing international connections and ensuring that all members are aware that they are part of the worldwide BB family.

Since its foundation in 1883 by Sir William Alexander Smith, the Brigade has played a key part in assisting the mission of local churches. This year, it has been pleasing to see even more Church denominations introduce the BB programme into the life of their churches. Member organisations

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continue to provide first class programmes and help point young people towards the Good News of the Gospel. The Charity looks forward to seeing what it can do to continue support and develop its Members in over 70 countries who now work with over 1 million members.

This report was approved by the Executive Committee of Trustees on 28 April 2024 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 2023

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 2023.

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').

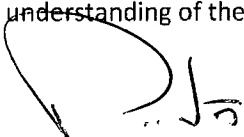
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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: 20/4/24

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Endowment funds £ | Total 2023 £ | Total 2022 £ |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| RECEIPTS | | | | | |
| Voluntary income | | | | | |
| Donations | 8,436 | - | - | 8,436 | 6,628 |
| Gift aid | - | | | | |
| Investment income | | | | | |
| Dividend income | 20,111 | - | 992 | 21,103 | 21,158 |
| Income from charitable activities | | | | | |
| General income | 5,965 | - | - | 5,965 | 12,609 |
| Total income | 34,512 | - | 992 | 35,504 | 40,395 |
| Investment sales | 15,000 | - | - | 15,000 | - |
| Total receipts | 49,512 | - | 992 | 50,504 | 40,395 |
| PAYMENTS | | | | | |
| Cost of raising funds | | | | | |
| Staff/establishment costs | 3,370 | - | - | 3,370 | 2,651 |
| Charitable activities | | | | | |
| Staff/establishment costs | 23,591 | - | - | 23,591 | 18,554 |
| Investing in Organisations | 15,697 | 2,213 | - | 17,910 | 35,104 |
| Marketing | 636 | - | - | 636 | 371 |
| Governance costs | | | | | |
| Trustee meetings | 5,926 | - | - | 5,926 | 10,208 |
| Staff/establishment costs | 1,685 | - | - | 1,685 | 1,325 |
| Independent examination | 1,080 | - | - | 1,080 | 1,020 |
| Support costs | | | | | |
| Staff/establishment costs | 5,056 | - | - | 5,056 | 3,976 |
| Insurance | 437 | - | - | 437 | 517 |
| Bank charges | 345 | - | - | 345 | 610 |
| | 57,823 | 2,213 | - | 60,036 | 74,336 |
| Investment purchases | - | | | | |
| Total expenditure | 57,823 | 2,213 | - | 60,036 | 74,336 |
| Net receipts/(payments) | (8,311) | (2,213) | 992 | (9,532) | (33,941) |
| Transfers | 992 | - | (992) | - | - |
| Cash brought forward | 21,218 | 6,640 | - | 27,858 | 61,799 |
| Cash carried forward | 13,899 | 4,427 | - | 18,326 | 27,858 |

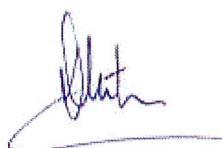
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| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Endowment funds £ | Total 2023 £ | Total 2022 £ |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| CASH ASSETS | | | | | |
| Bank of Scotland | 13,899 | 4,427 | - | 18,326 | 27,858 |
| Total - cash | 13,899 | 4,427 | - | 18,326 | 27,858 |
| ASSETS | | | | | |
| Monies due to Charity | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total – other assets | - | - | - | - | - |
| LIABILITIES | | | | | |
| Accounts due | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total – liabilities | - | - | - | - | - |
| INVESTMENTS | | | | | |
| Market value | 695,407 | - | 34,296 | 729,703 | 679,036 |
| Total – investments | 695,407 | - | 34,296 | 729,703 | 679,036 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | 709,306 | 4,427 | 34,296 | 748,029 | 706,894 |

The accounts were approved by the Trustee Board on 28 April 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Kamphata Botha
Trustee and Chairman



David Martin
Trustee and Treasurer

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

| | As at 1 January 2023 £ | Net cash movements £ | Gains / (Losses) £ | Transfers £ | As at 31 December 2023 £ |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|
| UNRESTRICTED FUNDS | | | | | |
| Cash | 21,218 | (8,311) | - | 992 | 13,899 |
| Debtors | - | - | - | - | - |
| Liabilities | - | - | - | - | - |
| Investments | 647,121 | (15,000) | 63,286 | - | 695,407 |
| | 668,339 | (23,311) | 63,286 | 992 | 709,306 |
| RESTRICTED FUNDS | | | | | |
| Regional funds | 703 | (703) | - | - | - |
| Malawi fund PCI/CMF | 5,937 | (1,510) | - | - | 4,427 |
| | 6,640 | (2,213) | - | - | 4,427 |
| ENDOWMENT FUNDS | | | | | |
| Dennis Webb fund | 31,915 | 992 | 2,381 | (992) | 34,296 |
| | 31,915 | 992 | 2,381 | (992) | 34,296 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | 706,894 | (24,532) | 65,667 | - | 748,029 |