



ANNUAL REPORT 2024 - 25



VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Revd Richard Snow, CTiC Vice President

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FINANCIAL REPORT

2024

Revd Kath Dodd, CTiC Treasurer

Although 2024 saw us without an Ecumenical Social Responsibility Officer, CTiC was still able to use its funds to enable significant work to take place in the county.

CTiC provided administrative support for the Anna Chaplaincy Lead, Sam Pester; for Jo Phillips in her work with Modern Slavery; and for Jonny Gios as he completed the Social Action Audit in Westmorland and Furness.

Grant funding is pursued where possible, and the work of Sam, Jo and Jonny has benefited in this way, with The Henry Smith Charity providing funding for Anna Chaplaincy for three years (to 30 September 2025), and with Westmorland and Furness providing grant funding for both Jo and Jonny. In addition, Jo was supported by the Blair Charitable Trust, and more recently by the Bishop Radford Trust.

CTiC have provided some funding to the Cumbria Ecumenical Spirituality Group, which comes under its auspices, in order to help the group to be sustainable and more effective.

CTiC ended the year with a surplus of funds of £27K due to the fact that we weren't employing a Social Responsibility Officer. It felt necessary and right to take time to discern the way forward, and to be open to new ways of operating. The Trustees are pleased with the clarity that has emerged, and the recent formation of a team of three to work in the area of Social Responsibility, with each working approx. one day per week. This continues to be a time of exploration, but we trust God to lead.

We are currently looking for a Safeguarding Lead, as well as support in writing and updating necessary policies. We are ready to fund the work to enable CTiC to become fully compliant with the regulations.

We are grateful for the continuing funding from the member denominations and from local Churches Together groups. Let us together pray that CTiC continues to discern, maintain and develop its unique place in the county in the area of Social Responsibility, promoting prayer, and encouraging friendship and collaboration across the whole Christian family.



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Revd Derek Lacey, CTiC Trustee

This report covers the period June 2024 to June 2025

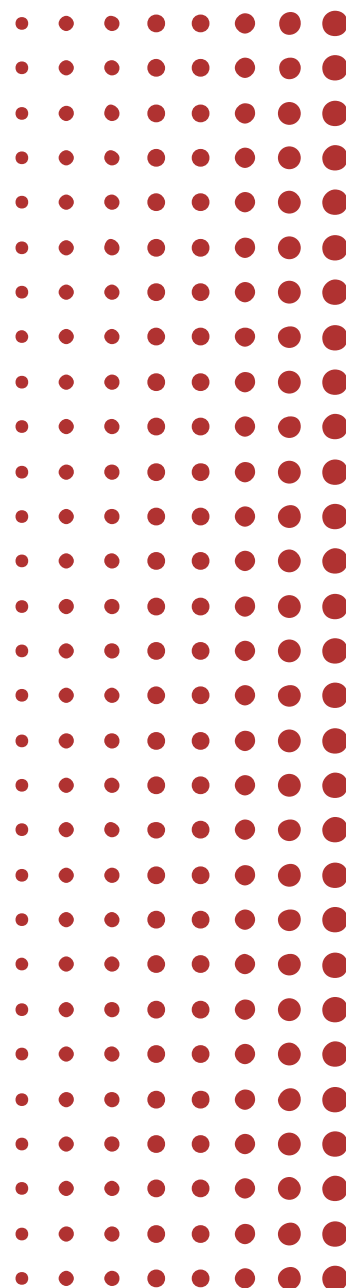
Social Action Audit

In June 2024 the Social Action Audit for the Westmorland and Furness area was close to completion. Following its completion, events were held in Barrow, Kendal and Penrith to disseminate results and discuss how to respond. A further event was also held on-line.

The audit confirmed that churches in Westmorland and Furness remain engaged in social action and are meeting the needs of people of all ages through a wide range of activities. The audit also revealed a desire for more partnership working and we have since begun work to build new partnerships and develop new initiatives.

Modern Slavery

Jo Phillips continued to work on a modern slavery project funded by CTiC, Westmorland and Furness Council, The Bishop Radford Trust and the Blair Foundation. Over several years she has been very influential in raising awareness of modern slavery and led the work to create the Modern Slavery Champions Network and has supported the Cumbria Modern Slavery Partnership. Her work in support of the Partnership has ceased but she continues to organise and lead network events with the most recent held on 29 May.



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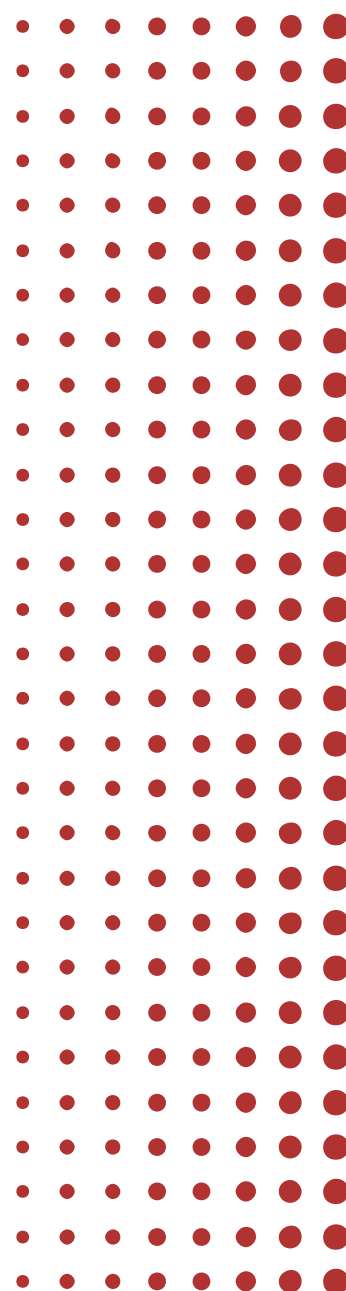
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Organisation and Staffing

CTiC activity related to social responsibility has been in decline for several years but this year has seen a significant turning point. This decline commenced during lockdowns with reduced participation in Social Responsibility Forum events. Efforts to revive the Forum met with some success but ceased when CTiC was unable to recruit a Social Responsibility Officer.

After approximately 18 months with limited capacity for social action work CTiC has now assembled a team of 3 people to develop and deliver a programme of work over the next year. The team members are Jo Phillips, previously our Social Responsibility Officer, Jonny Gios, who conducted the recent Social Action Audit, and Lois Sparling, who was a coordinator for the South Lakes Poverty Truth Commission. Each will spend approximately one day per week working for CTiC. This will allow CTiC to resume its role in facilitating dialogue between Church, Statutory bodies and the Third Sector.

At the beginning of April, we met for a team building event at which we reviewed recent activities for insights that will help us to set our priorities. Sam Pester, the Anna Chaplaincy lead, joined the event to help us identify synergies between CTiC sponsored activities.



ANNA CHAPLAINCY REPORT

Sam Pester AC Lead



This last year has seen a rapid growth for Anna Chaplaincy in Cumbria, with Anna Chaplains and Anna Friends helping 7372 people across Cumbria. The Anna Chaplains and Friends go into residential homes, nursing homes and private homes, supporting some of the most vulnerable members of society.

The ministry is well supported by ordained ministers across the county, with many saying they find having an Anna Chaplain a real benefit to them as it helps take the workload pressure off them. Without an Anna Chaplain they would simply not be able to reach as many people as they do and so they are a vital support to the older person's ministry in each parish. In addition, since having an Anna Chaplain in place, they find that their church grows and the congregation increases, because the older people feel that they will be catered for in a special service or ministry.

Smaller independent churches are also coming forward and supporting having an Anna Chaplain, but it can be difficult to get a DBS for them.



Anna Chaplaincy continues to reach people with a strong, little or no faith and last year some of our Anna Chaplains worked with end stage life for people who were atheist and had a strong disbelief in God. However, these people said that they found great comfort in being prayed for at the end of life and that they hoped there was a God.

We currently have 16 Anna Chaplains and 34 Anna Friends working across the county and some 60 volunteers. We have 8 more Anna Friends currently going through the Safer recruitment stage and waiting to join us.

We have been grateful for three-year funding from the Henry Smith Trust. This finishes at the end of September 2025, so we are pursuing new avenues of funding to take us forward.

We are making strong links across other services such as Linking Lives, which is a church run charity reaching out to people suffering from loneliness and which offers a befriending service. We are in talks with Terry Peate (Ambassador for Linking Lives) to see how we can work together.

There are also 150 dementia enablers which we aim to contact to ask if they would like to join our ministry.

CUMBRIA ECUMENICAL SPIRITUALITY GROUP

Revd Kath Dodd

Our vision:

*To journey with Christians in Cumbria in discovering the joy and depth of prayer as it draws us home to God,
and to ourselves, and to the world in which we live.*

To encourage everyone to discover their unique pathway to enjoying God and glorifying him in their daily lives.

A priority is to continue to nourish the Spiritual Directors Network. This past year we held a resource day, repeated in the north and south of the county entitled, Death and Resurrection: motifs for God's work in our lives. Our November Network Day at Rydal Hall was well attended. Rev Lisa Moore Wilson (Minister of The Cumbria Missional Partnership, United Reformed Church) shared her insights into sustaining the prayer life of clergy and Christian workers, and we also had input from two of our own Network spiritual directors on the topic of giving spiritual direction to clergy and Christian workers, and receiving direction as clergy.

We continue to advertise in the CTiC newsletter, the Diocesan newsletter, and further afield in the Retreat Association Handbook, and through our own website (cesg.org.uk). In response to increased interest from the denominations in providing spiritual direction for their clergy, we have engaged with Rachel Head (God4All Director of Mission and Ministry, Support and Innovation). A new flyer introducing spiritual direction and CESG has been produced to assist Rachel as she networks around the Diocese. In the winter of 2024, after liaising with Nicky Smith (Director of Ministry Development), we presented a five-session online course, under the auspices of the GodForAll Discipleship Project (Coming home: an introduction to ways of praying). The uptake was good and it was well received.

We were invited to attend the CTiC AGM in 2024 and led three workshops on various aspects of prayer. We were grateful for this opportunity. This year CTiC has granted CESG £1500 toward operating and development costs for which we are grateful.



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Looking ahead, we want to be positioned so that we can work alongside CTiC, God4All and other groups where appropriate. Ongoing work for the team is to update and make fit for purpose our policy documents, and also develop an audit mechanism for the Network whereby we can identify how best to support them and clarify what our requirements and recommendations are. We continue to resource the Network through our resource days (this year we will hold two days on using art in spiritual direction), and hope to be a resource to the county through providing resources for God4All projects such as the ToolShed.

For help in finding a spiritual director, contact Ruth Lee on sd.cesg@gmail.com.

For general enquiries, contact our administrator, Jo Maybury on assistantcesg@gmail.com

Website: cesg.org.uk

Jo Maybury, Administrator



CESG team members

Helen Bailey, Ali Betteridge, Kath Dodd, Becca Gilbert, Ruth Lee,
Jo Maybury (admin support), Lesley McCrie

MEMBER CHURCHES

Baptist Union of Great Britain
Religious Society of Friends
Methodist Church
United Reformed Church

Church of England
Salvation Army
Roman Catholic Church

CTIC TRUSTEES

Mr Paul Burden
Revd Richard Snow
Mr Bill Bewley
Revd Kath Dodd

Revd Derek Lacey
Revd Alistair Smeaton

OFFICERS, STAFF AND VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

Vice-President: Revd Richard Snow
Treasurer: Revd Kath Dodd
Administrator: Danielle Henshaw
Chair of Social Responsibility Forum: Revd Derek Lacey
Anna Chaplaincy Lead: Samantha Pester
Chair of Anna Chaplaincy Advisory Committee: Mr Paul Burden

COMMUNITY SOCIAL ACTION TEAM

North Cumbria: Jo Phillips - jo@churchestogethercumbria.org.uk
West & Central Cumbria: Lois Sparling - community.chaplain.gmc@gmail.com
South & East Cumbria: Revd Jonny Gios - jgios@me.com

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £
A1 Receipts		
Denominations	35437.72	0
Local Groups Donations received	1890	0
Other member donations received	160	0
Modern Slavery Project	0	7250
Social Action Audit - restricted grant	0	4000
Deposit account interest received	256.09	0
The Henry Smith Charity	0	25900
Anna Chaplaincy - Christmas Trees	0	197.72
Sub total(Gross income for AR)	37743.81	37347.72
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).		
	0	0
	0	0
Sub total	0	0
Total receipts	37743.81	37347.72
A3 Payments		
Salary costs- Modern Slavery project	0	6498
Anna Chaplaincy Salary costs	0	22930
Modern slavery project- expenses	0	147
Trustees & Volunteers expenses	1353.4	0
Social Action audit project costs	5611.47	0
Social action audit-restricted costs	0	2000
Social Action audit- event costs	546.5	0
Organisation insurance costs	749.51	0
Finance, Admin & examiner costs	2260.23	2178
Meetings costs incl room hire	848.91	409.53
Website costs	442.72	0
Payroll costs	198	198
Secretarial costs	272.54	75.47
Anna Chaplaincy Training costs	0	349.99
Honorarium costs	0	1000
Anna Chaplaincy expenses	0	1379.48
Donations & grants paid	966.45	0
	0	0

Sub total	13249.73	37165.47
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)		
	0	0
	0	0
Sub total	0	0
Total payments	13249.73	37165.47
Net of receipts/(payments)	24494.08	182.25
A5 Transfers between funds	0	0
A6 Cash funds last year end	0	0
Cash funds this year end	24494.08	182.25

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details
B1 Cash funds	Current Account balance at 31.12.2024 Deposit account balance at 31.12.24 Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(
	Details
B2 Other monetary assets	
	Details
B3 Investment assets	
	Details
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	

B5 Liabilities

Details
Nest creditor at 31.12.2024

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of Signature

No (if any)
1191358

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To Period end date
31.12.2024

Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
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0	35437.72	33988.3
0	1890	1400
0	160	860
0	7250	0
0	4000	0
0	256.09	187.54
0	25900	24400
0	197.72	128
0	75091.53	60963.84

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0	6498	24076
0	22930	16071
0	147	2611.72
0	1353.4	391.1
0	5611.47	0
0	2000	0
0	546.5	0
0	749.51	593.1
0	4438.23	3454
0	1258.44	999.38
0	442.72	365.57
0	396	387
	348.01	2962
0	349.99	467.7
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0	1379.48	1875.24
0	966.45	1036
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Fund to which liability relates: Amount due (optional)

When due (optional)

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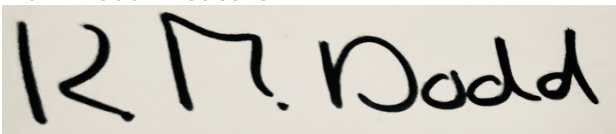
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Print Name

Date of approval

Kath Dodd- Treasurer

2.7.25

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CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Churches Together in Cumbria

On accounts for the year
ended

31st December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1191358

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024

Responsibilities and
basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the 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 (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

L. M. Morton

Date:

21-6-2025

Name:

MRS L. M. MORTON

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

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TAXATION TECHNICIANS*

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