

**Ministry Net (previously My Ministry)**

**Registered Charity Number 1196189**

**Trustees Annual Report, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

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#### **Objectives and Activities**

Ministry Net (originally named My Ministry) was formally recognised as a charity by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 18 October 2021 (registered charity number 1196189). Its objectives were set out as:

The object of the CIO is to advance the Christian religion in the United Kingdom for the benefit of the public through the support, encouragement, education, and development of those involved in all forms of Christian ministry particularly, but not exclusively, lay ministers within the Church of England.

In planning and executing our activities for the year, the trustees have given consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, specific guidance on charities that exist for the advancement of religion. The trustees believe the charity has potential to provide significant public benefit arising from its focus on the equipping and encouraging of lay (non-clergy) people in the Church of England and similar denominations of the Church. In practical terms, without the considerable contribution of time, money and talent from lay people, most churches would cease to be able to provide services to both their members and those in the wider community.

#### **Achievements and Performance**

##### ***Paraklesis***

*Paraklesis* (the Association of Children's, Youth and Families Ministers) was launched as a division of Ministry Net on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022, see <https://www.paraklesis.org.uk/>. The trustees believe that *Paraklesis* will fill a clear need for a professional association of those working full or part time (employed or as lead volunteers) in this key part of Christian ministry, and by the end of our fiscal year (30<sup>th</sup> June 2023) *Paraklesis* had attracted in excess of a hundred subscribing members.

The *Paraklesis* segregated fund supports the work of our *Paraklesis* division and received income in 2022/23 of £5,564 from member subscriptions as well of donations, together with associated Gift Aid, of £3,858. However, this was, as expected in its first year, insufficient to cover annual costs and £3,492 was transferred from the General Fund both to support the 2022/23 shortfall and shortfalls expected in 2023/24.

##### ***ministrynet***

Work on developing the *ministrynet* website was started during 2022/23 in collaboration with Hubb.Church. The website is designed to provide internet-based support to the wide and diverse range of volunteer lay ministers and office holders in the Church of England. A

pathfinder version of the website (for lay ministers in the Diocese of Chichester) was subsequently launched on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2023.

The *ministrynet* segregated fund received donations, plus associated Gift Aid, of £7,505 during 2022/23 which was sufficient to cover development costs of £4,893 with the balance being set aside for anticipated development and launch costs in 2023/24.

### **Financial Overview**

Taking into account the above expenditure and income for the *Paraklesis* and *ministrynet* segregated funds and for the (unsegregated) General Fund, the charity had a net excess of income over expenditure for the year of £666 and net reserves of £4,341 at 30/6/23.

The trustees gratefully acknowledge the generous contributions we have received during the year from donors, without which the work of our *Paraklesis* and *ministrynet* divisions would not have been able to grow and develop.

The trustees reserve policy is to maintain a reserve of at least six months fixed expenditure. All but a small part of our expenditure is variable so that the reserve policy was met comfortably throughout the year.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

Ministry Net is governed by a trust deed and is constituted as a Foundation CIO. New trustees are appointed by the existing trustees taking into account relevant experience, reputation and commitment to the objectives of the charity.

#### **Trustees**

Rt Revd Martyn Snow, Chair

Dr Peter Mansell, Vice Chair

Ruth Hassall

Vic Wilson (Appointed 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022)

There are no corporate trustees, and no trustees hold title to property on behalf of the charity. The charity does not act as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow trustees for their dedication and work in guiding Ministry Net through its second year of existence. I would also like to thank Ali Campbell who, as development consultant for *Paraklesis*, has provided so much of the vision, energy, and enthusiasm that is essential to this project.



***Dr Peter Mansell***

Vice Chair of Trustees,  
June 2024

## **Ministry Net Revenue Account, 2022-23**

		Fund Allocation			
	Year to 30/6/23	Paraklesis	ministrynet	General	Total
<b>Opening Fund Balance</b>		<b>£0</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£3,675</b>	<b>£3,675</b>
<b>Income</b>					
Paraklesis Subsriptions	£5,564	£5,564		£0	£5,564
Donations	£9,263	£3,258	£6,005	£0	£9,263
Gift Aid	£2,100	£600	£1,500	£0	£2,100
Interest	£11	£4	£6	£1	£11
	£16,937	£9,425	£7,511	£1	£16,937
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Development Consultancy	£9,638	£9,638		£0	£9,638
Website	£4,843	£437	£4,308	£99	£4,843
Branding & Marketing	£1,665	£1,125	£540	£0	£1,665
Bank Fees	£126	£55	£45	£26	£126
Accounting	£0	£0		£0	£0
	£16,272	£11,254	£4,893	£125	£16,272
<b>Excess of Income + / Expenditure -</b>	<b>£666</b>	<b>-£1,829</b>	<b>£2,618</b>	<b>-£124</b>	<b>£666</b>
Fund Transfer		£3,492		-£3,492	£0
<b>Closing Fund Balance</b>		<b>£1,663</b>	<b>£2,618</b>	<b>£60</b>	<b>£4,341</b>

Balance Sheet - Ministry Net 30/06/2023

Current Assets

CAF Account 793 £2,678

CAF Account 794 £1,663

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£4,341

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Current Liabilities

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£0

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Reserve Balance at 30/6/23

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£4,341

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Opening Balance at 30/6/22 £3,675

Excess of Income + / **Expenditure -** £666

Reserve Balance at 30/6/23

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£4,341

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Made up of Funds

Paraklesis Fund £1,663

ministrynet Fund £2,618

General Fund £60

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£4,341

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