

Charity registration number  
1198702

**Charity of the Sisters of Christ CIO**

**Report and Accounts**

**31 December 2023**

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**Charity of the Sisters of Christ CIO**  
**Legal and administrative information**

<b>Trustees</b>	Sister Mary Elizabeth Magenis - retired March 2023 Sister Ramoravelo (known as Sr Emerentienne) Sister Joyce Bone Sister Ita Conlan (until February 2023) Sister Marie Angèle Le Jollec Sister Margaret McCormick Sister Rogeline Rahenimanantsoa – appointed January 2023
<b>Provincial Superior</b>	Sister Emerentienne Ramoravelo
<b>Bursar</b>	Sister Joyce Bone
<b>Principal office</b>	Norlands Mayfield Road London SW19 3NF
<b>Charity number</b>	1198702
<b>Auditors</b>	Borucki & Co 42 Radnor Road Harrow Middlesex HA1 1RZ
<b>Investment managers</b>	Investec Wealth and Investment Limited 2 Gresham Street London EC2V 7QN  Brewin Dolphin 12 Smithfield Street London EC1A 9LA
<b>Bankers</b>	Royal Bank of Scotland plc 1 Hardman Boulevard Manchester M3 3AQ
<b>Solicitors</b>	Pothecary Witham Weld 84 Eccleston Square London SW1 1PX  Stone King Bateman House 82-88 Hills Road Cambridge CB2 1LQ

## Charity of the Sisters of Christ CIO

### Trustees report

The Sisters of Christ Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) no 1198702 became active on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023. Funds at the bank and all other assets were transferred on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 from the Sisters of Christ, registered Charity number 294746. Having met with unexpected problems in the autumn, the trustees appreciated the significant help given by our relationship manager from the Royal Bank of Scotland and Stone King Solicitors. During the first few months of 2023, all areas of administration were monitored closely to confirm that everything was running as planned.

It was a difficult year with the unexpected death of a trustee, Sr Ita Conlan, in February. She had served for many years as a trustee for the Charity Sisters of Christ and is still very much missed in the life and mission of the sisters in England. At the beginning of March, new trustees were appointed and others confirmed in their role as trustees.

**The Superior General names the trustees of the Charity.** After their appointment, the role and responsibilities of a trustee are discussed and explained in detail. The names of the trustees who served during the year are set out as part of the reference and administrative details page of this annual report and accounts. Brief biographical details on each trustee are given below.

#### Sister Ramoravelo – Superior General

Sr Ramoravelo (known as Sr Emerentienne in religion) was re-elected at the General Chapter of the congregation in August 2022. Previously, she was on the General Council, has been the Provincial Superior of Madagascar and has worked in the formation of young sisters. Her wide experience also includes teaching in schools and lecturing Philosophy in a seminary.

#### Sister Joyce Bone

Sr Joyce is General Bursar of the congregation and is also responsible for the financial administration of the communities in England. She was elected to the Congregation's General Council in August 2022 after fulfilling this role once before in 2009-2015. In the past she has worked as a teacher in middle and secondary schools, served as a school governor and has varied pastoral experience.

#### Sister Guenolee Le Jollec

Sister Marie Angele Le Jollec (known as Sister Guenolee) is at present the Delegate of the Superior General for the northern part of the European Delegation which includes England. Her experience includes being provincial superior of Europe and provincial councillor. For a long time, she was responsible for the formation of new sisters and has varied pastoral experience with young people, which includes responsibilities at diocesan level.

#### Sister May Magenis

Sister May was the Provincial Bursar in England with overall responsibility for the finances of the charity for over twenty years. As well as administrative experience, Sister May has had varied pastoral involvement, served the congregation as provincial superior and as a member of the provincial council. She retired as a trustee at the beginning of March 2023 after many years of faithful service.

#### Sister Margaret McCormick

Sister Margaret (Gretta) has varied experience in the field of education specialising in Religious Education. She taught in a Parish Primary School for ten years before becoming Head teacher of an Independent Primary and Secondary school. She moved to London where she served as a member of the English Provincial Council and she was employed by the Diocese of Westminster as Adviser in Religious Education to Primary Schools. She transferred to the diocese of Southwark where she also became an OFSTED inspector specialising in the assessment of Religious Education in many Primary schools. Now retired, she participates in the pastoral activities of her local parish and with our Associates.

#### Sister Rogeline Rahenimanantsoa

Sr Rogeline arrived in France in 2012 after a formation in financial administration in Madagascar. Her formation continued in the University of Lyon with studies in Canon Law concerning Religious Life and Civil Law. From 2017 until 2020, she was responsible for a Spiritual Centre belonging to the Congregation. At present, she works alongside the bursar of the delegation Europe and with the General Bursar of the Congregation in Paris. She was named as a trustee at the beginning of March 2023.

## **Charity of the Sisters of Christ CIO**

### **Trustees report**

The trustees are ultimately responsible for the policies, activities, and assets of the charity. They meet as required to review developments regarding the charity or its activities and make any important decisions. Communication between trustees continues during the year.

When necessary, the trustees seek advice and support from the charity's professional advisers including investment managers, solicitors, and accountants. The day-to-day management of the charity's activities, and the implementation of policies, is delegated to the appropriate Trustee or member of the congregation. After the renewal of the membership of the trustees, all the policies that were in place for Charity 294746 were considered, along with the list of possible policies given by the Charity Commission. It was agreed to start a process of revision and introduction of other policies that were thought necessary.

### **PRINCIPAL AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The accounts accompanying this report are the accounts of the CIO with assets primarily for assisting the religious and other charitable works of the sisters and others. A secondary implicit objective is to look after the well-being of the sisters living in England.

The ministries of the sisters of the congregation benefit numerous members of the general public, both here and throughout the world. The sisters try to be alongside others and work with them "in all that promotes the true meaning of life and the value of the human person, in particular in the fields of education, pastoral ministry, health care and social works." (Constitutions no 11)

The major asset of the charity is the sisters and a principal activity of the trust is to provide for their welfare and enable them to work towards fulfilling its objectives.

### **TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES WITH REGARD TO THE ACCOUNTS**

Under charity law, the trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements for each financial year, which show a true and fair view of the situation of the Charity.

In preparing those accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether the recommendations of the Statement of Recommended Practice have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- state whether the statements comply with the trust deed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the charity will continue its activities.

The trustees are required to act in accordance with the trust deed or constitution of the charity, within the framework of trust law. They are responsible for keeping proper records, sufficient to disclose at any time, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of the charity at that time, and to enable the trustees to ensure that, where any statements of accounts are prepared by them under section 132 (1) of the Charities Act 2011, those statements of accounts comply with the requirements of regulations under that provision. They have general responsibility for taking such steps as are reasonably open to them to safeguard the assets of the charity and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

### **RESERVES POLICY AND RESERVES POSITION**

It is a fact that the sisters are no longer in receipt of salaries. The Charity now must rely on the income from pensions and investments to provide funds for the support of the sisters and their charitable works. The trustees aim to retain sufficient reserves to do this.

### **INVESTMENT POLICY**

Our Investment Portfolios are managed by Investec Wealth Investment Limited – now working with Rathbones – and Brewin Dolphin who report to the Trustees every three months. These funds are managed in accordance with written guidelines setting out the religious and ethical principles of the Congregation. The target set for the fund managers is to deliver an agreed return of both income and capital growth with no more than a moderate level of risk.

## **Charity of the Sisters of Christ CIO**

### **Trustees report**

#### **RISK ASSESSMENT and SAFEGUARDING**

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Trust and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate our exposure to major risks. The assets of the Charity are managed by two different investment managers as an effort to diversify and mitigate financial risk. Contact between trustees continued by mail and telephone, when necessary.

With the help of Mentor Health and Safety Staff and other professionals new policies have been drawn up for risks in the community house in Sittingbourne i.e. Fire, trip hazards, handling...

The establishment of the Religious Life Safeguarding Service (RLSS) and its co-working group the Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) was completed early in 2022. The congregation has signed contracts with both organisations in order to have access to their advice and support in all matters relating to safeguarding.

RLSS provides training, casework management, support and advice on policies and Disclosure Barring Service (DBS) checks. CSSA provides a monitoring role and will conduct audits to enable Congregations to ensure best policies and practice regarding safeguarding.

Religious Life Safeguarding Service offers training to trustees. Those who have already followed their short courses found them useful and informative.

The Safeguarding policy of Charity 294746 is in the process of being updated.

#### **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The Trustees have consulted the guidance made available by the Charity Commission for -England and Wales on Public Benefit requirement of the Charities Act 2014

The Trustees are confident that they have complied with their duty under section 4 of the Charities Act 2014 in that they have had due regard to public benefit guidance published by the Commission.

In the furtherance of the trusts' charitable purposes for the public benefit the trustees give details of their activities in the following paragraphs.

#### **ACTIVITIES**

The activities of the charity include caring for members of the congregation and varied pastoral work. Each of these is considered below.

Like many religious congregations in England, the age profile of the members of the congregation is increasing as existing members grow older. On 31st December 2023, the average age of the sisters in community in England was 81.5 years and the median age was 85 years.

#### **CARING FOR MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION**

The congregation has an obligation, both moral and legal, to provide care for its members, none of whom have resources of their own and all of whom have devoted all their adult lives to education, the sick, the elderly, the poor and marginalised in society. The sisters were provided for in their different communities to enable them to continue their pastoral work in their local setting. The elderly and sick sisters were cared for in one of our communities. Lay staff are employed to help this community and are paid in keeping with the recommendation of the Churches on the Living Wage. The love and care of the staff is very evident and much appreciated by the sisters. Over the next decade, the trustees expect that this needs to provide care will continue.

#### **PASTORAL WORK**

The following are examples of the varied pastoral work undertaken by the sisters according to their possibilities and the needs in their parishes:

Befriending vulnerable persons, and helping parishioners develop their spiritual lives.

Working with others for the homeless, asylum seekers and refugees.

Teaching English to people of other languages, especially women who need English.

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Collaborating with activities organised for people who live with dementia and their carers.

Being a team member offering spiritual guidance during weeks of guided prayer or individual spiritual guidance.

Spiritual leadership of groups of Associates who identify with the charism and spirit of the congregation and live it in their daily lives.

Welcoming neighbours to celebrate Mass in the chapel.

Both communities have a mission of hospitality, to be places where others can find a listening ear or a quiet place to pray.

### **REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2023**

In 2022, the trustees of Charity 294746 presented possible objectives for 2023 for the new Charitable Incorporated Organisation 1198702. The following points are reflections on these objectives.

- All the assets of Registered Charity 294746 were transferred to the Charitable Incorporated Organisation 1198702 on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. The trustees of 294647 and 1198702 were the same to enable continuity at this time of change.
- The application for planning permission for the land in Springhill was refused and, as yet, our agent has not given advice on the possibilities open to us.
- As suggested, the sisters followed the on-going formation work organised by the Delegation Europe for a deepening of the content of the General Chapter in 2022.
- Formation of the trustees and other sisters started with a number of sisters following the safeguarding formation organised by RLSS.
- One sister trained (with RLSS) to be responsible for DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service.)
- The sisters always try to respond to events and situations where they can continue contact and support of others. The sudden death of Sr Ita Conlan in February inspired many people - neighbours, parish members, priests, old friends from the past - to aid and support our two communities both practically and by their prayers. Although it was a difficult time, there was a sense of joy and thanksgiving for all that Sr Ita had been for others in her life of service in England, in Cameroun and her time as Superior General of the congregation. It was a moment, when the sisters were made aware of the positive impact the life, witness, and work of one sister can have on others.
- As planned, the first annual 'Get Together' of the Associates after COVID took place in London.
- The postulant living with the London community started her novitiate on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023.
- Pastoral activities, in person and online, continued according to possibilities.
- The necessary Safeguarding changes proposed by the Church were made.
- In November, a sister from Madagascar arrived in London to improve her English. She enrolled in an English School near the community.

### **FUTURE PLANS**

The Trustees anticipate that the activities of the charity will not significantly change. More aid and support will be needed by the communities in the future, especially in administrative tasks. It is the intention of the trustees to continue to meet the following objectives:

#### Caring for members of the congregation

- Continue to care for the sisters and enable them to carry out their varied pastoral work and ministry for as long as possible.
- Ensure all the sick and elderly members of the Congregation receive the high level of care they require so as to provide them with a quality of life which they should rightly expect.
- Re-evaluate the financial provision necessary for this every year.

#### Pastoral Work

- Enable all members of the congregation to conduct meaningful pastoral work within the community according to their personal abilities and needs of local area.
- Encourage members to work with and be alongside those in need: the lonely, sick, the marginalised, etc.
- Be a support and aid to local clergy and other Christian churches.

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#### **SPECIFIC PLANS FOR 2024**

- Continue with the planning permission application for the sale of land in East Cowes
- Encourage each sister to follow appropriate Safeguarding formation through RLSS.
- Rewrite a number of policies and procedures for the Charity.
- Revitalise the groups of Associates.
- Continue the formation of the novice.
- Support Sr Florine in her English studies.
- Try to bring younger sisters from abroad to help the aging sisters achieve their mission.

#### **GOVERNANCE, STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

The Congregation of the Sisters of Christ is an international Religious Congregation. Founded in 1976 from the union of seven existing congregations, it has a history dating back to 1625. The Sisters of Christ are governed by their own Constitutions and the communities are divided into a number of Delegations and a Province. The Generalate is in France.

In terms of Canon Law, the congregation is governed at an international level by a Superior General and General Council in Paris. They are elected every six years at a General Chapter meeting (meeting of delegates of all the delegations and province of the Congregation). During 2018 the congregation was restructured, and Europe became a Delegation. Decisions are reached at the appropriate level of administration, in accordance with the Constitutions of the congregation. The change in structure was experimental and was reviewed at the General Chapter of the Congregation in 2022 which decided to continue the experiment until the next General Chapter in 2028. These changes in structure have no impact on the organisation and work of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

In terms of Civil Law, the charity is governed by a constitution accepted by the Charity Commission when it received its registration on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2022 Charitable Incorporated Organisation No 1198720.

#### **EMPLOYEES, ASSOCIATES**

The Trustees wish to record their recognition of the professionalism and commitment of all their staff and those who collaborate with the sisters. The life of the Associates who live the same charism as the sisters in their daily life, continues to be an inspiration and support to the sisters.

#### **THE CHARITY ASSETS**

Acquisitions and disposals of fixed assets during the year are recorded in the notes to the accounts.  
Signed on behalf of the Trustees.

Trustee

Approved by the trustees on 15 October 2024



**Independent auditors' report to the Trustees' of the Charity of the Sisters of Christ**

We have audited the financial statements of the Charity of the Sisters of Christ for the year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, Statement of cash flows and the related notes. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2023 and of its incomes and expenditure for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the accounts in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

- Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least 12 months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.
- Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the report and accounts other than the accounts and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the accounts does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the accounts, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the accounts or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the accounts or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:-

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 3, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of accounts that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the accounts, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the accounts**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the accounts as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these accounts.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

How the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities including fraud

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the engagement partner ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the Charity through discussions with management and trustees, and from our knowledge and experience of the charity sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the accounts or the activities of the charity. These included but were not limited to the Charities Act 2011, Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019); and Safeguarding Regulations as they affect the direct charitable activities of the charity; and
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and those charged with governance and reviewed minutes of trustees' meetings.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management and trustees as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested and reviewed journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- tested the authorisation of expenditure
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of trustees; and
- enquiring of management and trustees as to actual and potential litigation and claims.

There are inherent limitations in our audit procedures described above. The more removed that laws and regulations are from financial transactions, the less likely it is that we would become aware of non-compliance. Auditing standards also limit the audit procedures required to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations to enquiry of the trustees and other management and the inspection of regulatory and legal correspondence, if any.

Material misstatements that arise due to fraud can be harder to detect than those that arise from error as they may involve deliberate concealment or collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the accounts is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

**Use of report**

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and with regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

**Borucki & Co**  
*Chartered Accountants and Statutory Auditors*  
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Signed on 16 October 2024

Borucki & Co is eligible to act as auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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# Charity of the Sisters of Christ CIO

for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unresrticted			2023 £	2022 £
		General	Designated	Restricted		
		fund £	funds £	fund £		
<b>Income</b>						
Donations and gifts		-	-	-	-	-
Pensions	2	124,800	-	-	124,800	-
<b>Investment income</b>	3	184,292	-	-	184,292	-
<b>Total income</b>		309,092	-	-	309,092	-
<b>Raising funds</b>						
Investment managers fees		45,280	-	-	45,280	-
<b>Charitable activities</b>						
<b>Pastoral activities</b>						
Upkeep of communities	4	512,889	-	-	512,889	-
Donations and missions		17,131	-	-	17,131	-
Governance costs	5	47,951	-	-	47,951	-
Costs of abandoned land sale		-	-	-	-	-
		577,971	-	-	577,971	-
<b>Total expenditure</b>		623,251	-	-	623,251	-
<b>Income less expenditure</b>		(314,159)	-	-	(314,159)	-
<b>Net gains (losses) on investments</b>		321,208	-	-	321,208	-
<b>Net income (expenditure)</b>		7,049	-	-	7,049	-
<b>Transfers between funds</b>		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		7,049	-	-	7,049	-
<b>Balances brought forward 1 January</b>		-	-	-	-	-
		7,049	-	-	7,049	-
<b>Transferred from the Charity of the Sisters of Christ (no 294746)</b>		7,735,971	1,421,440	19,000	9,186,411	-
<b>Balances carried forward 31 December</b>		7,743,020	1,421,440	19,000	9,193,460	-

## Statement of total recognised gains and losses

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than those shown above and therefore no separate statement of total gains and losses has been prepared.

**Charity of the Sisters of Christ CIO**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**as at 31 December 2023**

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	9	1,421,440	-
Investments at market value	10	<u>7,687,343</u>	<u>-</u>
		9,108,783	-
<b>Current assets</b>			
Debtors	11	46,942	-
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>131,114</u>	<u>-</u>
		178,056	-
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>			
	12	(103,379)	-
<b>Net current assets</b>		<u>74,677</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>9,183,460</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Capital and reserves</b>			
<b>Unrestricted</b>			
General funds		7,743,020	-
Designated funds	13	<u>1,421,440</u>	<u>-</u>
		9,164,460	-
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
	14	<u>19,000</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>9,183,460</u>	<u>-</u>

Approved by the Trustees  
and signed on their behalf on 16 October 2024

Joyce Bone  
Trustee

**Charity of the Sisters of Christ CIO**  
**Statement of cash flows**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

	<b>Note</b>	<b>2023</b> <b>£</b>
Cash used in operating activities	A	<u>(83,600)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Investment income		184,292
Proceeds of investment sales		1,750,966
Purchases of investments		<u>(1,562,794)</u>
Cash provided (used) in investing activities		<u>372,464</u>
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents in year		<u>288,864</u>
<b>Movement in year</b>		
(Decrease) increase in cash at bank and in hand		131,114
(Decrease) increase in cash held by investment managers for re-investment		<u>157,750</u>
		<u>288,864</u>

**A. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities**

	<b>2023</b> <b>£</b>
Net movement in funds	7,049
Deduct investment income	(184,292)
Add depreciation	2,550
Add/(deduct) net movement on investments.	(321,208)
Value of net current assets transferred from Trust	355,864
Increase (decrease) in creditors	103,379
(Increase) decrease in debtors	<u>(46,942)</u>
	<u>(83,600)</u>

# Charity of the Sisters of Christ CIO

for the year ended 31 December 2023

## 1 Accounting policies

### Basis of preparation and assessment of going concern

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 1st January 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The trust constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern.

### Income

All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably. Donations, are recognised when the Trust has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date.

Legacies are recognised on a case by case basis following the granting of probate when the administrator/executor for the estate has communicated in writing both the amount and settlement date.

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank.

Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due. This is normally upon notification by our investment advisor of the dividend yield in the investment portfolio.

### Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

The cost of generating funds includes the fees paid to investment managers in respect of the management of the charity's investment portfolios.

Expenditure on charitable activities comprises direct expenses incurred on the defined charitable purposes of the charity and includes staff costs attributable to the activity.

The contribution to the Generalate is calculated annually and represents the excess of the budgeted net expenditure for the year over the free reserve at the end of the previous year, as adjusted for the purchase or sale of land and buildings.

Governance costs comprise of expenditure on compliance with and advice on constitutional and statutory matters.

As all expenditure can be attributed to specific categories no apportionment between heading has been necessary. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the items of expenditure to which it relates.

### Foreign currencies

Transactions in foreign currencies are recorded at the rate ruling at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rate of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. All differences are taken to the profit and loss account.

### Tangible fixed assets

Freehold land and buildings, in the main used as private residential accommodation, are included at a valuation based either on a value estimated by the trustees or on historical cost. The Trustees do not consider that the expense of a professional valuation in order to ascertain the separate values of the land and buildings is justified.

The buildings are in constant use in furtherance of the charitable objectives and are maintained to standards that ensure that their residual value is not less than the book value. Buildings are not depreciated, for reason stated, they have a very long useful economic life such that annual depreciation would be immaterial.

All assets costing more than £1,000 and with an expected life of more than one year are capitalised. Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life:

After five years plant, equipment, fixtures and fittings with a net book value of nil are written out of the accounts as in the opinion of the Trustees such assets have a negligible residual value.

Plant, equipment, fixtures and fittings 20% on cost.

Motor vehicles 25% on cost.

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### Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The Trust does not acquire put options, derivatives or other complex financial instruments.

The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors or sub sectors.

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their opening carrying value or their purchase value if acquired subsequent to the first day of the financial year.

Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the fair value at the year end and their carrying value. Realised and unrealised investment gains and losses are combined in the Statement of Financial Activities.

### Fund accounting

The general fund comprises those monies, which may be used towards meeting the charitable objectives of the charity at the discretion of the Trustees.

The designated funds are monies set aside out of general funds and designated for specific purposes by the Trustees.

The restricted funds are monies raised for, and their use restricted to, a specific purpose, or donations subject to donor imposed conditions.

### Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and therefore is not liable for income tax or corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities, as it falls within the various exemptions available to registered charities.

## 2 Salaries and pensions of members

	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 £	2022 £	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £
Salaries	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pensions	124,800	-	-	124,800	-	0	0	-
	124,800	-	-	124,800	-	-	-	-

## 3 Investment income

	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 £	2022 £	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £
Investment income	183,842	-	-	183,842	-	0	0	-
Bank and other interest	450	-	-	450	-	0	-	-
	184,292	-	-	184,292	-	-	-	-

## 4 Charitable activities

	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 £	2022 £	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £
<b>Upkeep of communities</b>								
Staff costs	327,620	-	-	327,620	-	-	-	-
Premises	90,144	-	-	90,144	-	-	-	-
Community and personal	95,125	-	-	95,125	-	-	-	-
	512,889	-	-	512,889	-	-	-	-



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## 5 Governance costs

	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 £	2022 £	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £
Professional fees	47,951	-	-	47,951	-	-	-	-
	47,951	-	-	47,951	-	-	-	-

## 6 Net incoming (outgoing) resources before transfers

This is stated after charging (crediting)

	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £	2023 £	2022 £	General fund £	Designated fund £	Restricted fund £
Staff costs (note 7)	327,620	-	-	327,620				
Auditors remuneration	5,800	-	-	5,800				
Accounting and other	5,810	-	-	5,810				
Depreciation	2,550	-	-	2,550				

## 7 Staff costs and trustees' remuneration

Staff costs during the year were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	304,898	-
Social security costs	15,076	-
Pension contributions	7,387	-
	327,361	-

No employee earned more than £60,000 per annum (including benefits) during the year or in the previous year.

### Trustees

As members of the Order the Trustees' living expenses during the year were borne by the Trust but the trustees received no remuneration or other benefits in connection with their duties as Trustees during the year or in the previous year.

The average number of employees, analysed by function was:

	2023	2022
Nursing and domestic	13	-

## 8 Taxation

The trust as a registered charity, is exempt from taxation on its income and gains falling within Section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that they are applied to its charitable objectives. No tax charge has arisen in the year.

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## 9 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Motor vehicles £	Furniture and equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 January 2023	-	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-
Transferred from trust	1,421,440	23,628		1,445,068
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,421,440</u>	<u>23,628</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,445,068</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>				
At 1 January 2023	-	-	-	-
Charge for the year	-	2,550	-	2,550
On disposals	-	-	-	-
Transferred from trust	-	21,078		21,078
At 31 December 2023	<u>-</u>	<u>23,628</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,628</u>
<b>Net book value</b>				
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,421,440</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,421,440</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

## 10 Investments

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Listed Investments</b>		
Market value at 1 January 2023	-	-
Additions at cost	1,562,794	-
Sale proceeds from disposals	(1,750,966)	-
Gain (loss) in year	321,208	-
Transferred from trust	7,396,557	-
Market value at 31 December 2023	<u>7,529,593</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash held by investment managers for re-investment	157,750	-
	<u>7,687,343</u>	<u>-</u>
Cost of listed investments at 31 December 2023	<u>6,792,002</u>	<u>-</u>

## 11 Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Mortgage	12,338	-
Other debtors	25,130	-
Prepayments and accrued income	9,474	-
	<u>46,942</u>	<u>-</u>

## 12 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Institute	77,978	-
Sundry creditors	16,451	-
Accruals	8,950	-
	<u>103,379</u>	<u>-</u>

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### 13 Designated funds

The income funds of the charity includes the following designated funds, set aside from the unrestricted funds of the trust by the trustees for specific purposes

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Utilised/ realised	Transferred from Trust	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£		£
Capital fund	-	-	-	1,421,439	1,421,439
	-	-	-	1,421,439	1,421,439

The capital fund represents the balance sheet value of land and buildings.

### 14 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and other monies held on trust to be applied for specific purposes

	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Utilised/ realised	Transferred from Trust	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£		£
Legacy fund	-	-	-	19,000	19,000
	-	-	-	19,000	19,000

The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

The Legacy fund consists of legacies left to individual Sisters by their families. The income from the monies held by this fund belongs to the trust while the disposition of the capital remains with the Sisters.

### 15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	General fund	Designated funds	Restricted funds	2023
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	7,687,343	1,421,440	-	9,108,783
Current assets	159,056	-	19,000	178,056
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	(103,379)	-	-	(103,379)
	<u>7,743,020</u>	<u>1,421,440</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>9,183,460</u>