

**St Hild Centre for Baptist Ministry**

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 August 2024

The trustees present their annual report for the year ended 31 August 2024 and confirm they comply with the Charities Act 1993, as amended by the Charities Act 2006; its CIO constitution and the Charities SORP 2005.

**Reference and Administrative Information**

Charity Name	St Hild Centre for Baptist Ministry (CBM)
Charity Registration Number	1206413
Charity Address	The Mirfield Centre, Stocks Bank Rd, Mirfield, WF14 0BW

**Trustees**

The trustees of the charity during the period covered by this report (year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024) were:

Rev Graham Ensor (Chair and Yorkshire Baptist Association Representative)

Rev Mark Clay (East Midlands Baptist Association Representative)

Rev Dr Daniel McGinnis (St Hild College Representative)

All were appointed on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 when the CIO was registered.

None of the trustees receive remuneration or other benefit for their work with the charity.

**Governing Document**

St Hild Centre for Baptist Ministry is a CIO governed by its constitution (dated January 2024) and registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. Its members are the East Midlands Baptist Association, the Yorkshire Baptist Association and St Hild College. Trustees are appointed as set out in the constitution.

**Purpose**

The Objects of the CIO are, for the public benefit, the advancement of the Christian faith according to the beliefs and practices of the Baptist Union in particular through, but not limited to, the promotion of theological education and training.

In planning activities, the trustees give consideration to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

**Activities**

The CIO was registered on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and in the period covered by this report (year ending 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024), prepared to launch the CBM in September 2024 in order to achieve its aims and purposes.

In March 2024 the CBM was received into the Baptist Union of Great Britain as a member College and the trustees are grateful to the Baptist Union Council for their welcome and encouragement. Following this, the members of the CIO worked together to support St Hild College's recruitment of a Director and Formation Lead to deliver the activities of the CBM, to support current Baptist Ministers in Training and

recruit a future cohort for 2024/2025, to share publicity about the CBM, and to build and develop relationships with the Baptist Union of Great Britain and other Baptist Colleges.

One of the members of the CIO is St Hild College, a charity which shares the CIO's aims and vision and delivers theological education and training. The CIO worked with the College to establish a programme of Baptist Formation which meets the needs of the member Associations. This working relationship also allows the CIO to advise St Hild College so that its activities are relevant to and representative of Baptist beliefs and principles.

### **Future Plans**

Following an official launch in September 2024, the CIO members will continue to work together to establish and grow the Centre, working with St Hild College to deliver Baptist training and formation to meet the needs of the member Associations.

The trustee body will be expanded, in accordance with the constitution, with consideration given to ensuring diversity and a range of skills.

The members will also carry out work to determine the best framework for the relationship with St Hild College as we partner together to achieve our common aims.

### **Financial activity**

There was no financial activity for the period covered by this report (year ending 31 August 2024) and the St Hild Centre for Baptist Ministry currently holds no funds.

Income £NIL

Expenditure £NIL

Similarly, there were no creditors or debtors.

As the CIO currently has no operating costs, no reserves policy is needed.

### **Summary**

In this report we have covered the seven-month period from our registration (5<sup>th</sup> January 2024) which served as preparation for the official launch of the centre in September 2024. We are encouraged that BUGB Council saw the CBM as a suitable vehicle through which ministers could be formed and a new generation of leaders raised up and value the ongoing partnership between the members of the CIO. We look forward to the CBM growing and expanding in future months and years and to fuller reports in due course.

Signed by Rev Graham Ensor (Chair of Trustees) on behalf of the trustees

Signature:



Date: 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025

Co-signed by Rev Dr Daniel McGinnis

Signature:



Date: 27<sup>th</sup> June 2025