

CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHARITIES

TRUSTEE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2023

Registered Charity number: 232332

Trustees Annual Report

Section 1: Legal and Administrative Information

Charity name: Congregational United Charities

Registered Charity number: 232332

For the financial year beginning on: 1st January 2023

For the financial year ending on: 31st December 2023

Charity's principal address: The Congregational Federation Ltd, 8 Castle Gate, Nottingham, NG1 7AS

Charity's business address: Newport Congregational Church, 98 Pyle Street, Newport, Isle of Wight, PO30 1UH

Governing document: Schemes of 17 February 1885 as varied by scheme of 22 April 1910, 20 January 1965 and 26 May 1993

How the charity is constituted: The charity was formed under a Charity Commission scheme

Summary of the objects of the charity:

- For the benefit of Christian worship and ministry
- For the benefit of the Minister of Newport Congregational Church
- In aid and for the benefit of the incidental account of Newport Congregational Church
- For the general purposes of Newport Congregational Church
- Towards the expenses of the chapel and the celebration of Divine Worship therein
- So long as the churches or congregations formerly assembling for Christian Worship in the chapels situated on Node-hill or Pyle Street, Newport, shall continue to be so used. The buildings shall be used for the purposes of Worship, children's and young people's work, for lectures and meetings on religious, literary, philanthropic and other subjects. This is generally for the purpose to promote the social and moral welfare of the congregation and other persons residing in Newport.
- For the purpose of the religious instruction and education of children and young people belonging to the congregation and such other children as the trustees select and for such other purposes as the trustees select
- For the education of children and young people belonging to the congregation and for such other purposes as shall be directed by the Members of the Church congregation.

Section 2: Trustees and governance

Corporate Trustee: The Congregational Federation Ltd, 8 Castle Gate, Nottingham, NG1 7AS.

Directors of the corporate trustee who served in the year ending 31st December 2023 or at date of signing.

Mr J A Lyon (Chairperson)		
Mrs S M Austin		
Revd C J Bamforth Damp		
Mrs E M Bentham	Resigned	15 th July 2023
Mrs H Biggin		
Revd C E Booton	Resigned	13 th February 2023
Mr E P Fenwick		
Revd C L Gillham		
Revd R Green	Appointed	22 nd April 2023
Revd J Holloway		
Revd F Y Kamara		
Revd O C Kinchin		
Revd R Leeming	Appointed	15 th July 2023
Revd R D Macrae	Appointed	2 nd September 2023
Miss M M C McGuinness		
Dr B W Mason		
Revd C J Stott		
Mrs E Sweeney-Smith	Appointed	13 th May 2023
Revd G Simonis		
Mr M Taylor		
Revd T Wilson	Resigned	2 nd September 2023

Company Secretary

Mr D M Tucker

Management Committee as at 31st December 2023:

Rev Graham Akers
 Rev. Mark Evans
 Mrs Louise Randall
 Mrs Lyn Savin

Management committee selection method:

The Management Committee are the Deacons of Newport Congregational Church. The Deacons are elected by the Church meeting, to become a Deacon, the person must be a Church member for at least a year. Deacons serve a three-year term but are eligible for immediate re-election at the end of the three-year period.

Until 2009 the strategic and day to day management of the charity was undertaken by the Management Committee, who acted as trustees. During 2009 the position was clarified that the Congregational Federation Limited was the corporate trustee. There has been and continues to be an assumed delegation of the day-to-day management of the charity to the Management Committee.

Section 3: Activities and Achievements

Summary of the main activities and achievements of the charity during the year:

During the year 2023 the charity has benefited the work of Newport Congregational Church. In planning our activities during the year, we have borne in mind the Charity Commissioners guidance on public benefit at our Management and Trustee Committee Meetings. The focus of our activities remained the support of the work of Newport Congregational Church. The purpose of this support is to enable the church to continue to offer public Christian Worship, moral and spiritual teaching and guidance, to provide facilities for children and young people, providing support and recreation for the elderly and the same more generally for all age groups. We provided meeting facilities for various public bodies and associations, offering to all the comforts and consolations of the Christian faith. These provisions have been made available to the public regardless of personal background, faith, gender or circumstances. The Charity looked to support the Church Ministry in this past year.

The Chapel building know as 'The Langbridge Hall' was completed during the first part of the year and opened for wordship and other uses in June. The rest of the Pyle Street Property has continued to be used for Church and Community needs, including various Ministries with babies, young children and their families. We also continue to provide various Ministries which include feeding people within the community.

We continue to manage the Manse, 19 Kinchington Road, which has been the subject of light maintenance works during the year.

The sad legacy of the Covid 19 Pandemic still impacts the life of the Church and its income. The CUC Trustees continued to support the life of the church in its financial support of the Church, in the cost-of-living crisis. We continue to honour God in feeding people spiritual and physical food.

Section 4: Policies

Grant-making policy: The only grant made is to Newport Congregational Church.

Section 5: Signature and Declaration

Declaration: I declare, in my capacity of director of the corporate trustee, that:

- The trustees have approved the report above; and
- Have authorised me to sign it on their behalf.

Signed:

Full name:

Position:

Date:

GARETH HUGHES BA, FORMER CPFA ACCOUNTANT

SUNNYSIDE, HGH STREET, NEWCHURCH, PO36 0NJ

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Congregational United Charities. I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Congregational United Charities (the Trust) for the year ended 31st December 2023.

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 all 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 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 Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts did not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts did 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 have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

GARETH HUGHES

23rd MARCH 2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Congregational United Charities

No (if any)
232332

Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01.01.23		31.12.23

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Nodehill Income	1,200	-	-	1,200	1,280
Miscellaneous	375	-	-	375	-
Interest Received	1,481	-	-	1,481	3,116
NCC Repaid	164,967	-	-	164,967	652
NCC Funds	-	-	-	-	151
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	168,023	-	-	168,023	5,199
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
COIF Transferred	-	-	-	-	50,000
High Street Property Sale	-	-	-	-	144,558
Sub total	-	-	-	-	194,558
Total receipts	168,023	-	-	168,023	199,757
A3 Payments					
Buildings Insurance	2,650	-	-	2,650	2,221
Manse Repairs	3,185	-	-	3,185	833
Pyle Street Costs	165,269	39,096	-	204,365	121,574
NCC Funds Used	28,862	-	-	28,862	225
Grant To NCC	16,200	-	-	16,200	16,200
Finance Cost	900	-	-	900	900
Sub total	217,066	39,096	-	256,162	141,953
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
To NCC & COIF	-	-	-	-	134,673
Sub total	-	-	-	-	134,673
Total payments	217,066	39,096	-	256,162	276,626
Net of receipts/(payments)	(49,043)	(39,096)	-	(88,139)	(76,869)
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	66,149	39,096	-	105,245	-
Cash funds this year end	17,106	-	-	17,106	(76,869)

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

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Lloyds Current Account	12,280	-	-
	Lloyds Deposit Account	4,826	-	-
	Total cash funds	17,106	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK

	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Owed from NCC - Chair Deposit	2,408	-	-

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B3 Investment assets	COIF Investment	Unrestricted funds	-	59,199

	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use				

	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
B5 Liabilities	Owed to NCC - Chapel Building	Unrestricted	3,217	

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval