

CHARITIES ADMINISTERED IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES

England & Wales · Charity number 273854

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1977-07-26

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: SEE INDIVIDUAL CONSTITUENT

Activities: To support through grants and low cost interest loans, personal contact and encouragement to the listed 52 Unaffiliated Congregational Churches, their members, serving ministers and where appropriate retired ministers of Unaffiliated Congregational Churches.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Accommodation/housing, Religious Activities, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Defined Groups

Geography

- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£109,289	£114,041	-	-
2023-12-31	£106,331	£127,674	-	-
2022-12-31	£130,229	£121,799	-	-
2021-12-31	£96,983	£105,537	-	-
2020-12-31	£92,588	£98,192	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Linda Perry	Chair	2018-11-01
Dr DIGBY LAWSON JAMES		
James Andrew Lyon		2022-01-01
Kevin Davies		2023-11-15
Mike Valentine		2016-06-01
Paul Walker		2023-06-20
REVD C J DAMP		
Rev Gordon Cooke		2024-11-19
Yvonne Campbell		2025-01-01

Linked charities

- CHURCH EXTENSION FUND (273854-1)
- UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES (ESSEX) GENERAL PURPOSES FUND (273854-10)
- WELFARE FUND (273854-2)
- EDUCATIONAL FUND (273854-3)
- GENERAL PURPOSES FUND (273854-4)
- MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY FUND (273854-5)
- MINISTERIAL TRAINING FUND (273854-6)
- HOMES FOR RETIRED MINISTERS FUND (273854-7)
- UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES HERTFORDSHIRE HOMES FOR THE RETIRED MINISTERS FUND (273854-8)
- UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES HERTFORDSHIRE GENERAL PURPOSES FUND (273854-9)

Accounts

**UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCHES CHARITIES**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

31 DECEMBER 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Registered charity name	Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities
Charity number	273854
Principal office	1 The Sycamores Riddlesden Keighley BD20 5EF
Bankers	National Westminster Bank plc 16 South Parade Nottingham NG1 2JX
Solicitors	Anthony Collins Solicitors 134 Edmond Street Birmingham B3 3ES
Auditors	Horsfield & Smith Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor Tower House 269 Walmersley Road Bury Lancashire BL9 6NX

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2024

The Trustees are pleased to present their Report and the Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the Charity governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014.

THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees who served the Charity during the period 1st January to 31st December 2024 were as follows:

Co-optative from the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches (UCC)

Mrs L Perry (Honorary Chair of Trustees)

Revd G. Cooke (Appointed November 2024)

Pastor M J Valentine

Nominative Trustees from the Congregational Federation (CF)

Mr D M Tucker

Revd C Damp

Mr J A Lyon

Nominative Trustees from the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches (EFCC)

Dr D L James (Honorary Secretary of Trustees)

Mr P K Walker

Mr K I Davies

Achievements and performance

During 2024 the Trustees met on four occasions in order to consider and fulfil the business of the Charity. The March and September Meetings were held on Zoom, the June Meeting was held at Gladstone's Library in Hawarden and the November Meeting held at Friends Meeting House in Manchester, where 6 Trustees were present in person the remaining 3 Trustees were present on Zoom, unable to travel because of weather conditions.

The September Meeting, held on Zoom was held to discuss the findings and recommendations of an interview panel that had taken place earlier that month to appoint a new Executive Officer to replace Revd Frank Wroe who was due to retire on the 31st December 2024.

Of the nine appointed Trustees:

Five Trustees attended four Meetings

Three Trustees attended three Meetings

One Trustee attended one Meeting

The present Executive Officer attended all four meetings and the newly appointed Executive Officer attended one Meeting.

The Board were pleased to welcome one new Co-optative Trustee, Reverend Gordon Cooke, minister of New Inn Congregational Church, Pontypool. The Executive Officer issued all the relevant

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information concerning the responsibilities and of Charity Trusteeship as provided by the Charity Commission to the new Trustee prior to attending his first Trustee Meeting in November.

In March 2024 the Executive Officer informed the Chair of Trustees that he would be retiring from the UCCC at the end of the year. The background work to appoint a new Executive Officer was begun almost immediately and the interview format / process and time scale for the appointment was discussed and agreed by the Trustees at their June Meeting. Interviews were held in September and the Trustees were pleased to appoint Revd Fredrik Rich to the role of Executive Officer from 1st November 2024 with a view to assuming the full role from 1st January 2025. Revd Rich is the minister of the Allerton Congregational Church in Bradford, a listed Unaffiliated Congregational Church.

Revd Frank Wroe offered to remain employed by the UCCC Trustees until 31st March 2025 in order for a smooth and orderly handover to take place and to complete and present the 2024 Annual Report and Accounts for the Trustees approval at their March 2025 Meeting. This was agreed by the Trustees.

The situation with the Wiltshire church, which closed in 2019 continues with no real solution in sight. At the beginning of the year the Charity Commission had been dealing with the members of the Village Hall Committee and other locals direct, as they had expressed an interest in forming a charity to deal with the land and building and distribution of assets. By November the Charity Commission had contacted the UCCC, the EFCC and the Congregational Federation Ltd asking for further views. The situation is ongoing.

No progress has been made with the Charity Commission on the possibilities of amalgamating two of the main UCCC Funds; The Ministerial Training Fund and The Maintenance of the Ministry Fund. A further approach to the Charity Commission for permission, to make the changes, will be made in 2025.

Once again this year the Trustees were pleased to be able to award the Dewi Rowlands Bursary and after considering three applications, the Trustees decided to support all three individual applicants with equal grants.

Three Trustees made a visit to Union Croft Chapel in West Yorkshire to assess the situation concerning the current state of the buildings and the ongoing work taking place. In addition they were able to speak in depth to the minister and deacons about the continuing development of the fellowship through the present ministry. They were greatly impressed with the continuing work of the fellowship and the ongoing building work and decided to continue to support both in the short term with grants for the ministry and certain building work.

As part of the support of churches experiencing problems with older buildings, the Trustees responded to a grant application from a church in Kent by awarding them a grant to assist with the installation of damp proofing. The church returned the grant, later in the year, with a letter of thanks to the Trustees for their willingness to help with the work, but the grant was unused as the work had been put on hold for the time being.

The Trustees agreed to continue with the services of the Churches Ministerial Counselling Services.

A review of the UCCC Due Diligence policies was carried out and slight changes were made to the Statement on Equality and Diversity, the Health and Safety and the General Data Protection policies.

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The Trustees felt that the Safeguarding Policy needed to be reviewed further and the final draft will be presented to the Trustees for their approval at their March 2025 Meeting.

The Trustees reviewed and made slight changes to the Grant Application Form in order to simplify the application process.

It is ten years since the UCCC papers and records have been reviewed and archived and the Trustees agreed that the archive should be brought up to date and if possible Mr Paul Sillitoe, the archivist who carried out the last exercise, will be asked to bring the UCCC archives up to date.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Nature of governing document

The Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities came into being to enable churches that remained independent and did not join either the Congregational Federation or the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches to receive a fair allocation of the assets of the former Congregational Church in England and Wales, 32 County Union Incorporated Bodies and other apportionable funds. The restrictions to the various funds are laid down in the governing instruments.

The original Charities were founded by the creation of trust funds under a Charity Commission scheme dated 4th January 1977 and in the Charity Commission Scheme the expression "Unaffiliated Congregational Churches" means:

- a) Congregational Churches which were in membership with the former Congregational Church in England and Wales or were members of the Congregational Union of England and Wales in the year 1966 and which on the 31st December 1975 were not member churches of the Congregational Federation or of an Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches and
- b) Congregational Churches in England and Wales formed after 5th October 1972 which are not members of the Congregational Federation or of an Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches.

Further charities were created by a succession of Charity Commission schemes from 1980 onwards. In August 2008 the Charity Commission approved a new scheme, which amalgamated all the County Union Funds into the 7 main funds of the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities.

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Charity has nine Trustees of which six are Nominative Trustees: three by the Committee of the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches (EFCC) and three the Council of the Congregational Federation (CF). These Trustees are nominated by their own grouping for a period of four years on the basis of providing a wide range of skills and experience that will add to and enhance the Charity's existing skill base.

The remaining three Trustees are co-opted, through a ballot of all the listed Unaffiliated Churches, for a period of five years. When a vacancy arises all such churches are contacted and given a specified date by which to submit names of suitable candidates to the Revd Frank Wroe, the Executive Officer. A profile of each candidate is then obtained and circulated to each listed Unaffiliated Church to enable each church to elect a new Trustee by way of ballot.

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At the end of their term the Trustees representing the Unaffiliated Churches are required to confirm whether they wish to continue to act or not. If they express a wish to continue this is ratified by the other serving Trustees at the next scheduled Trustees' Meeting. If they do not wish to continue the process of recruiting a new Trustee begins again.

Induction and training of new Trustees

Most newly elected or appointed Trustees will already be familiar with the practical work of the Charity and they are encouraged to read a copy of the Charity's Handbook as well as being provided with copies of minutes of Trustee meetings for the past year.

All new Trustees are provided with details of "CC3—The Essential Trustee: What you need to know" accessed from the Charity Commission website. This document provides guidance to all Trustees, and those who are about to become Trustees, on what is involved in being a charity trustee.

Prospective new Trustees are also encouraged to attend Trustees' meetings as an observer prior to them being appointed as a Trustee. This is designed to give a practical insight into the issues that arise during such meetings and to introduce them to other Trustees. Before attending their first meeting all new Trustees are asked to sign an automatic disqualification form, confirming their eligibility to serve as the Trustee of a charity.

Organisational structure

Staff

The Charity has no full time staff but does employ a part-time Executive Officer. Revd Frank Wroe continued in the position of Executive Officer of the Charity and worked an average of three days per week for the Charity. Revd Fredrik Rich will fully take over this role from 1st January 2025 and Revd Wroe will be on hand to assist if required. His main role will be to prepare the 2024 Trustees Report and Accounts for presentation to the March 2025 Trustee Meeting before fully retiring on 31st March 2025.

Trustees

Mrs L. Perry was elected by the Trustee Board to serve as Chair of Trustees for 2024.

Dr D L James was elected by the Trustee Board to serve as Secretary for 2024.

Major risks and management of those risks

Investments

The Charity has no property other than its Stock Market investments. These investments are held in four charity investment funds, each with a wide spread portfolio of holdings. The funds comprise a roughly equal split between fixed interest and equity funds, with a slight bias towards equities, and they provide a regular quarterly income to the Charity. The Trustees undertake periodic reviews of the Charity's investments.

Policy on control of fraud

The Trustees have an agreed policy of continuing to use professional charity experienced accountants to audit the Charity's accounts in order to ensure that they remain in line with the Charity Commission accounting and reporting standards.

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The policy will ensure that any loan repayments to the Charity are paid in full and within the agreed time scales. This is achieved by the Trustees, through the Executive Officer, obtaining a detailed analysis of income and expenditure, including outstanding and paid loans at each Trustee Meeting.

Financial Review

Incoming resources amounted to £109,289. This is an increase of £2,958 on the previous year. Investment income has increased £3,683 and other income decreased £725.

Resources expended amounted to £114,041, a decrease of £13,633 on the previous year. Grants have reduced by £19,121. Most grants have remained consistent but here have been no building grants awarded this year (2023: £26,585). Management and administrative costs have increased £5,488.

This has resulted in a net deficit of £4,752 (2023 : £21,343) prior to investment revaluation. The market value of investments at the year end have increased by £57,453 resulting in an overall surplus for the year of £52,701 (2023 : £105,788).

Total funds carried forward were £2,842,148 (2023 £2,789,447), split £877,024 (2023 £846,795) unrestricted, £666,174 (2023 £670,522) restricted and £1,298,950 (2023 £1,272,130) endowment.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects and aims

To support through grants and low-cost interest loans, personal contact, and encouragement where possible the listed Unaffiliated Congregational Churches, their members, serving ministers, and, where appropriate, retired ministers or their widows or widowers.

Public benefit

The Charity has seven specific funds that allow the Trustees to distribute its income in the form of grants and/or loans where necessary to assist and maintain ministry in individual churches and to assist with the relief of hardship for retired ministers or their widows and widowers. Other areas of assistance include grants for the education of ministers, their children, and students training for the ministry.

Grants and loans are also available to churches for repairs and the ongoing maintenance of buildings or expansion of church buildings and assistance to comply with legal building requirements in order to meet current building legislation. Where appropriate, grants for regeneration are also considered to assist churches on the point of closure to remain open.

Churches are invited to apply to the Trustees for support by completing an application form, which gives the Trustees specific details of the assistance required by the church. This application will usually be accompanied by two years audited accounts of the church and, in the case of building work, two or three estimates from different builders to support the application. In the case of a grant for maintenance of the ministry or additional ministerial training the minister must possess a clear and current Criminal Record Disclosure Certificate.

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The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission of England and Wales.

Grant making policies

The Charity's main objective is to assist churches and individuals with grants as made from appropriate funds.

During 2024 the UCCC Trustees were able to award grants to 3 UCCC listed churches and 32 individuals associated with UCCC listed churches. In addition the following Congregational organisations and groupings were assisted with grants; Congregational History Society, the Congregational Partnership Ltd, the Congregational Federation Ltd, the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches Trust Corporation Ltd.

Also the Trustees were pleased to be able to award the Dewi Rowlands Bursary to three theological students.

The grants were made from the Charity's following Funds:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
• General Purposes Fund	£ 4,370
• Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	£ 20,721
• Ministerial Training Fund	£ 15,050
• Church Extension Fund	£ 0
• Welfare Fund	£ 4800
• Homes for retired Ministers Fund	£ 14,984
• Education Fund	£ 900
• Sydney Berry Trust	<u>£ 5,248</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>£ 67,287</u>

The Trustees awarded grants in the following ways:

- Grants totalling £900 from the Education Fund were awarded to the six children of two UCCC ministers to assist with their education.
- One church in South Wales and another one in West Yorkshire, received grants totalling £20,721 for the support of minister's stipends. Both these grants came from the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund.
- £1,000 from the General Purposes Fund was awarded to the Congregational History Society to assist with the administration costs of the Society.
- Other grants from the General Purposes Fund amounted to £3,370 for:
The three Congregational Trust Companies; Congregational Partnership Ltd (£360), Congregational Federation Ltd (£1200) and the EFCC Trust Corporation Ltd (£120) were given grants to assist them with costs involved in their role of Custodian Trusteeship for fourteen listed

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Unaffiliated churches. The Trustees were also able to assist thirteen UCCC ministers and pastors with a resource grant of £130 each.

- Grants totalling £5,248 were made from the Dr Sydney Berry Trust to four retired ministers and the widows of four retired ministers of Unaffiliated Churches.
- Grants totalling £14,984 were awarded to four retired ministers and the widows of four retired ministers of Unaffiliated Churches from the Homes for Retired Ministers Fund to assist, with the payment of Council Tax & Water Rate demands.
- Grants totalling £4800 for the relief of hardship were made to four retired ministers and the widows of four former retired ministers of Unaffiliated Churches, which came from the Welfare Fund.
- The Trustees awarded grants totalling £15,050 from the Ministerial Training Fund:
Three grants of £2,000 each to each of three students (£6,000) as the Dewi Rowlands Bursary. In 2023 one church in Hertfordshire received an initial grant of £3120 to assist with the costs of fees for a distance learning course for one of their members. This year a further grant of £9050 was awarded to the same church for the same member when the original distance learning course was converted to a residential only B.A. theology course at the Union School of Theology, Bridgend.

Loans

From time to time the Charity is able to make low-cost interest loans to churches, to be repaid over a set period of 2, 3 or 5 years, or longer if required, to assist with ongoing repairs or renovations to church property.

The Trustees did not make any loans during 2024 and there were no outstanding loans due for repayment in the year.

Charitable commitments

As part of the policy of continually reviewing all the regular grants, as outlined in the Report of the Trustees the following grant structure for Maintenance of the Ministry, Welfare and various other regular grants is in place. These future grants have been notified to the churches and individuals concerned and with the exception of the grants from Dr Sydney Berry Trust for retired ministers and retired minister's widows, which have not been guaranteed.

Year	£
2025	44,874
2026	51,514
2027	48,028

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Financial instruments

Objectives and policies

The Charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk.

Cash flow risk

The Charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in interest rates. Interest bearing assets are held at fixed rate to ensure certainty of cash flows.

Credit risk

The Charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and investments.

The credit risk on liquid funds is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies.

The Charity has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a number of counterparties.

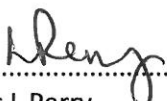
Liquidity risk

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the Charity uses investments in charity-managed funds and deposits which are reviewed on a regular basis.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 19 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:


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Mrs L Perry
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

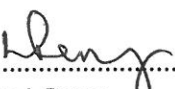
The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 19 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:


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Mrs L Perry
Trustee



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2024, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (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 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been 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 responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements 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 twelve months from when the original financial statements were 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 annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.



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In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements 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 financial statements 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

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Report) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities (set out on page 10), the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, 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 financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements 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 financial statements.



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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:

The extent to which 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 focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity; and
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations through making enquiries of management.

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

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considered 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.

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 those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management 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 is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.



UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF
UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES (CONTINUED)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the trustees those matters we are required to state to trustees in an auditors' 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 its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Horsfield & Smith is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Peter G Nicol BSc FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Horsfield & Smith, Statutory Auditor

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Date:.....
19 June 2025

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2024 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Investment income	2	31,409	24,063	51,815	107,287
Other income	3	1,812	190	-	2,002
Total Income		<u>33,221</u>	<u>24,253</u>	<u>51,815</u>	<u>109,289</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	4	(23,089)	(18,265)	-	(41,354)
Charitable activities	5	(12,631)	(60,056)	-	(72,687)
Total Expenditure		<u>(35,720)</u>	<u>(78,321)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(114,041)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		(2,499)	(54,068)	51,815	(4,752)
Gains/losses on investment assets		17,208	13,425	26,820	57,453
Gross transfers between funds		15,520	36,295	(51,815)	-
Net movement in funds		30,229	(4,348)	26,820	52,701
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>846,795</u>	<u>670,522</u>	<u>1,272,130</u>	<u>2,789,447</u>
Total funds carried forward	16	<u>877,024</u>	<u>666,174</u>	<u>1,298,950</u>	<u>2,842,148</u>

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

Prior year Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Investment income	2	30,987	23,541	49,076	103,604
Other income	3	<u>2,632</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,727</u>
Total Income		<u>33,619</u>	<u>23,636</u>	<u>49,076</u>	<u>106,331</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	4	(18,047)	(16,131)	-	(34,178)
Charitable activities	5	<u>(13,659)</u>	<u>(79,837)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(93,496)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(31,706)</u>	<u>(95,968)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(127,674)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		1,913	(72,332)	49,076	(21,343)
Gains/losses on investment assets		37,147	28,977	61,007	127,131
Gross transfers between funds		<u>17,792</u>	<u>31,284</u>	<u>(49,076)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		56,852	(12,071)	61,007	105,788
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>789,943</u>	<u>682,593</u>	<u>1,211,123</u>	<u>2,683,659</u>
Total funds carried forward	16	<u><u>846,795</u></u>	<u><u>670,522</u></u>	<u><u>1,272,130</u></u>	<u><u>2,789,447</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

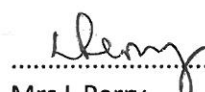
The funds breakdown for 2023 is shown in note 16.

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

BALANCE SHEET 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	13	2,779,520	2,722,067
Current assets			
Debtors	14	36,200	37,200
Cash at bank and in hand	18	<u>34,425</u>	<u>38,867</u>
		70,625	76,067
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(7,997)</u>	<u>(8,687)</u>
Net current assets		<u>62,628</u>	<u>67,380</u>
Net assets		<u>2,842,148</u>	<u>2,789,447</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Endowment funds		1,298,950	1,272,130
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		666,174	670,522
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>877,024</u>	<u>846,795</u>
Total funds	16	<u>2,842,148</u>	<u>2,789,447</u>

The financial statements on pages 15 to 33 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 19 June 2025 and signed on their behalf by:


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Mrs L Perry
Trustee

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The financial statements are presented in £ sterling.

Going concern

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

Income and endowments

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations and legacies

Cash donations, gifts, legacies and grants are accounted for in full as they are received. The value of voluntary help is not included in the accounts.

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

Investment income

Bank interest is accounted for on receipt. Other investment income is accounted for when receivable.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources. The irrecoverable element of VAT is included within the item of expense to which it relates. Grants offered subject to conditions, which have not been met at the year end date, are noted as commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in the management of investments.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the Charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

Debtors

Are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of is established when there is objective evidence that they will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the Charity. Income from those assets may be used to support the objectives of the Charity.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs),

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the Charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the Charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the Charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

2 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds Expendable £	Total funds £
Interest receivable and similar income;				
Interest receivable on bank deposits	563	-	-	563
Other income from fixed asset investments	30,846	24,063	51,815	106,724
Total for 2024	<u>31,409</u>	<u>24,063</u>	<u>51,815</u>	<u>107,287</u>
Total for 2023	<u>30,987</u>	<u>23,541</u>	<u>49,076</u>	<u>103,604</u>

3 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Other income	925	190	1,115
Rental income	887	-	887
Total for 2024	<u>1,812</u>	<u>190</u>	<u>2,002</u>
Total for 2023	<u>2,632</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>2,727</u>

4 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Administrative costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Staff Costs	17,609	13,943	31,552
Administrative expenses	5,480	4,322	9,802
Total for 2024	<u>23,089</u>	<u>18,265</u>	<u>41,354</u>
Total for 2023	<u>18,047</u>	<u>16,131</u>	<u>34,178</u>

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Grant funding of activities	7	9,618	57,669	67,287
Governance costs	6	3,013	2,387	5,400
Total for 2024		<u>12,631</u>	<u>60,056</u>	<u>72,687</u>
Total for 2023		<u>13,659</u>	<u>79,837</u>	<u>93,496</u>

6 Analysis of governance and support costs

Raising funds expenditure

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Audit fees			
Audit of the financial statements	1,674	1,326	3,000
Other fees paid to auditors	1,339	1,061	2,400
Total for 2024	<u>3,013</u>	<u>2,387</u>	<u>5,400</u>
Total for 2023	<u>3,803</u>	<u>3,285</u>	<u>7,088</u>

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

7 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

	Grants to institutions		Grants to individuals	
	2024	2023	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Analysis				
General Purposes	2,680	3,345	6,938	6,511
Maintenance of the Ministry	21,971	20,029	-	-
Ministerial Training	9,050	4,680	6,000	5,000
Church Extension	-	26,585	-	-
Homes for Retired Ministers	-	-	14,948	14,013
Welfare	-	-	4,800	5,345
Education	-	-	900	900
	<u>33,701</u>	<u>54,639</u>	<u>33,586</u>	<u>31,769</u>

8 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net outgoing resources for the year include:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Audit fees	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>

9 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

£4,417 (2023: £1,674) of expenses were reimbursed to the trustees during the year.

During the year ten trustees were paid expenses in relation to reimbursed meeting expenses.

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	29,061	25,159
Pension costs	<u>2,491</u>	<u>2,335</u>
	<u><u>31,552</u></u>	<u><u>27,494</u></u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2024 No	2023 No
Executive officer	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

11 Auditors' remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Audit of the financial statements	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
Other fees to auditors		
All other non-audit services	<u><u>2,400</u></u>	<u><u>4,088</u></u>

12 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

13 Fixed asset investments

	2024 £	2023 £
Other investments	<u>2,779,520</u>	<u>2,722,067</u>

Other investments

	Fixed interest investments £	Managed funds £	Total £
Cost or Valuation			
At 1 January 2024	1,057,238	1,664,829	2,722,067
Revaluation	<u>14,330</u>	<u>43,123</u>	<u>57,453</u>
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,071,568</u>	<u>1,707,952</u>	<u>2,779,520</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2024	<u>1,071,568</u>	<u>1,707,952</u>	<u>2,779,520</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,057,238</u>	<u>1,664,829</u>	<u>2,722,067</u>

Analysis of investments at 31 December 2024 between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2023 £
Listed and other investments					
Fixed interest investments	297,003	231,685	542,880	1,071,568	1,057,238
Managed funds	<u>534,741</u>	<u>417,141</u>	<u>756,070</u>	<u>1,707,952</u>	<u>1,664,829</u>
	<u>831,744</u>	<u>648,826</u>	<u>1,298,950</u>	<u>2,779,520</u>	<u>2,722,067</u>

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

The investments representing more than 5% of the total value are as follows:

	Endowed			Expendable		
	Units	Market Value	%	Units	Market Value	%
Charinco	55354.057	82,113	2.9	82708.374	122,691	4.4
COIF	17231.700	349,688	12.6	23674.980	480,443	17.3
Charifund	27600.000	406,382	14.6	29207.441	471,436	17.0
COIF Ethical Investments	150164.920	464,400	16.7	133036.060	411,427	14.8
		<u>1,298,951</u>			<u>1,480,569</u>	

14 Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments	200	200
Other debtors	-	1,000
Amounts falling due after more than one year: Interest in property	11,000	11,000
Amounts falling due after more than one year: Loans to churches	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
	<u>36,200</u>	<u>37,200</u>

The interest in property figure includes loans to churches made on the following basis:

In March 1992, a loan was made to the Congregational Federation Limited to purchase the freehold reversion of Bethesda, Brynmawr, amounting to £11,000. This loan represented 22% of the value of the building at that time. Repayment of the loan will be expected if and when the church is sold with 22% of the sale price.

Loans to churches carry an interest rate set by the Trustees. All such loans are considered recoverable.

In November 2016 the trustees agreed a loan of £25,000 to the Union Croft Chapel. This loan will only be repayable in the event of the closure of the chapel or if the pastor leaves the chapel.

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Other taxation and social security	995	1,685
Accruals	<u>7,002</u>	<u>7,002</u>
	<u>7,997</u>	<u>8,687</u>

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

16 Funds	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Unrestricted funds						
General purpose	846,795	33,221	(35,720)	15,520	17,208	877,024
Total unrestricted funds	846,795	33,221	(35,720)	15,520	17,208	877,024
Restricted funds						
Maintenance of ministry	-	3,226	(21,971)	16,945	1,800	-
Ministerial training	237,810	3,124	(22,377)	11,574	1,743	231,874
Church extension	221,132	9,279	(6,814)	1,994	5,177	230,768
Homes for retired ministers	196,476	7,074	(21,003)	4,114	3,840	190,501
Welfare	15,104	1,439	(5,256)	941	803	13,031
Education	-	111	(900)	727	62	-
Total restricted funds	670,522	24,253	(78,321)	36,295	13,425	666,174
Endowment funds						
<i>Permanent</i>						
General purpose	752,499	30,650	-	(30,650)	15,865	768,364
Maintenance of ministry	53,590	2,183	-	(2,183)	1,130	54,720
Ministerial training	284,166	11,574	-	(11,574)	5,991	290,157
Church extension	48,946	1,994	-	(1,994)	1,032	49,978

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

	Balance at 1 January 2024 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2024 £
Homes for retired ministers	101,011	4,114	-	(4,114)	2,129	103,140
Welfare	23,091	941	-	(941)	487	23,578
Education	8,827	359	-	(359)	186	9,013
Total endowment funds	1,272,130	51,815	-	(51,815)	26,820	1,298,950
Total funds	2,789,447	109,289	(114,041)	-	57,453	2,842,148

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds						
General purpose	789,943	33,619	(31,706)	17,792	37,147	846,795
Total unrestricted funds	789,943	33,619	(31,706)	17,792	37,147	846,795
Restricted funds						
Maintenance of ministry	-	3,157	(20,029)	12,987	3,885	-
Ministerial training	236,328	3,057	(16,300)	10,962	3,763	237,810
Church extension	232,062	9,078	(33,070)	1,888	11,174	221,132
Homes for retired ministers	196,897	6,829	(19,437)	3,897	8,290	196,476
Welfare	17,306	1,407	(6,232)	891	1,732	15,104
Education	-	108	(900)	659	133	-
Total restricted funds	682,593	23,636	(95,968)	31,284	28,977	670,522
Endowment funds						
<i>Permanent</i>						
General purpose	716,412	29,030	-	(29,030)	36,087	752,499
Maintenance of ministry	51,020	2,067	-	(2,067)	2,570	53,590
Ministerial training	270,538	10,962	-	(10,962)	13,628	284,166
Church extension	46,598	1,888	-	(1,888)	2,348	48,946
Homes for retired ministers	96,167	3,897	-	(3,897)	4,844	101,011
Welfare	21,984	891	-	(891)	1,107	23,091

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024 (CONTINUED)

	Balance at 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	Other recognised gains/(losses)	Balance at 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Education	8,404	341	-	(341)	423	8,827
Total endowment funds	<u>1,211,123</u>	<u>49,076</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(49,076)</u>	<u>61,007</u>	<u>1,272,130</u>
Total funds	<u>2,683,659</u>	<u>106,331</u>	<u>(127,674)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>127,131</u>	<u>2,789,447</u>

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

Maintenance of the Ministry - Income is used for grants to Unaffiliated Congregational Churches or otherwise for maintaining ministry within a Congregational Church.

Ministerial Training - Income is used for training men and women for the ministry of the Congregational Denomination.

Church Extension - For the use of the upkeep and repair of property, and the services it provides, of an Unaffiliated Congregational Church. In addition the fund may be used for the extension of existing buildings and in the provision or construction of buildings to be used as a Congregational Church or for residences of ministers of Unaffiliated Congregational Churches.

Homes for Retired Ministers - Income from this fund is to be used to provide accommodation for retired ministers and their widows/widowers in retirement.

Welfare - For use in the relief of need among ministers and their dependents by way of grants 'or otherwise'.

Education - To be used for the benefit of the children of the minister of an Unaffiliated Congregational Church.

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17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds at 31 December 2024 £
Fixed asset investments	831,744	648,826	1,298,950	2,779,520
Current assets	53,277	17,348	-	70,625
Current liabilities	(7,997)	-	-	(7,997)
Total net assets	<u>877,024</u>	<u>666,174</u>	<u>1,298,950</u>	<u>2,842,148</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds Expendable £	Total funds at 31 December 2023 £
Fixed asset investments	814,536	635,401	1,272,130	2,722,067
Current assets	40,946	35,121	-	76,067
Current liabilities	(8,687)	-	-	(8,687)
Total net assets	<u>846,795</u>	<u>670,522</u>	<u>1,272,130</u>	<u>2,789,447</u>

18 Cash and cash equivalents

	2024 £	2023 £
Cash on hand	101	61
Cash at bank	34,324	38,806
	<u>34,425</u>	<u>38,867</u>

19 Financial instruments

Categorisation of financial instruments

	2024 £	2023 £
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	2,779,520	2,722,067
Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	36,000	37,000
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	7,997	8,687

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20 Related party transactions

Congregational History Society Grant: The Reverend Chris Damp, Treasurer of the Society, and Dr Digby James, printer for the Society took no part in the discussion or the decision to award the grant to the Congregational History Society.

UCCC Ministers Resource Grant: Trustees, Pastor Mike Valentine, the Minister of Bradley Congregational Church, Revd Gordon Cooke, Minister of New Inn Congregational Church and Revd Fred Rich, Minister at Allerton Congregational Church and newly appointed UCCC Executive Officer, took no part in the discussion or the decision to award the Ministers resource grant to UCCC ministers. In addition Pastor Valentine requested that he did not personally receive the grant.

Custodian Trustee Grants awarded to the Trust Bodies of: Congregational Federation Ltd, and the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches Trust Corporation Ltd. The Nominative Trustees from both the Congregational Federation Ltd and the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches Trust Corporation Ltd, took no part in the discussion or the decision to award the Custodian Trustee Grant for their particular grouping.

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Registered charity name	Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities
Charity number	273854
Principal office	678 Ripponden Road Moorside Oldham OL4 2LP
Bankers	National Westminster Bank plc 16 South Parade Nottingham NG1 2JX
Solicitors	Anthony Collins Solicitors 134 Edmond Street Birmingham B3 3ES
Auditors	Horsfield & Smith Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor Tower House 269 Walmersley Road Bury Lancashire BL9 6NX

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

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The Trustees present their Report and the Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the Charity governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014.

THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees who served the Charity during the period 1st January to 31st December 2023 were as follows:

Co-optative the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches (UCC)

Mrs L Perry (Honorary Chair of Trustees)

Pastor C W Davies (Suspended June 2023, removed July 2023)

Pastor M J Valentine

Nominative Trustees from the Congregational Federation (CF)

Mr D M Tucker

Revd C Damp

Mr J A Lyon

Nominative Trustees from the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches (EFCC)

Dr D L James (Honorary Secretary of Trustees)

Mr P K Walker (Appointed June 2023)

Mr K I Davies (Appointed November 2023)

Revd G M Evans (Resigned June 2023)

Revd J M Devenish (Resigned June 2023)

Achievements and performance

During 2023 the Trustees met on four occasions in order to consider and fulfil the business of the Charity. The March and November meetings were held via Zoom and the June Meeting was held at Gladstone's Library in Hawarden.

An extraordinary Trustees Meeting was held in July via Zoom

Of the eleven appointed Trustees:

Five Trustees attended four meetings

Two Trustees attended three meetings

Two Trustees attended two meetings

Two Trustees attended one meetings

The Executive Officer attended all four meetings.

The Board were pleased to welcome two new Nominative Trustees Mr Paul Walker and Mr Kevin Davies, Nominated by the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches. The Executive Officer issued all the relevant information concerning the responsibilities of Charity Trusteeship as provided by the Charity Commission to the new Trustees prior to them attending their first Trustee Meeting.

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Once again the Trustees agreed that for the foreseeable future the March and November Trustee Meetings will continue to be held on-line via Zoom and as far as is possible, the June Meeting, which incorporates the review and acceptance of the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts, should be held in person.

One Co-optative Trustee was removed by the unanimous agreement of the other Trustees, in June 2023. The Trustees are in the process of filling the vacancy.

The situation with the Wiltshire church, which closed in 2019 and was outlined in the 2021 and 2022 Trustees Reports, has remained current for most of the year. The application to the Charity Commission for a scheme to make the Congregational Federation Ltd the sole Trustee of the church was made in January 2022. The outcome was that there were objections raised locally with the Charity Commission and as a result the Congregational Federation Ltd withdrew their willingness to be appointed as sole Trustee. The Charity Commission were informed of their decision at the end of July and despite repeated attempts to contact the Charity Commission there was no communication from them until the end of November. The trustees feel that there is nothing else they can do for this closed church, however as one last attempt to salvage something all the background information has been forwarded to the UCCC solicitor for advice.

The Trustees have continued to look at the possibilities of amalgamating two of the main UCCC Funds; The Ministerial Training Fund and The Maintenance of the Ministry Fund but have made little progress. The matter was discussed with the UCCC accountants and it was felt that a further approach to the Charity Commission for permission, to make the changes, should be made.

In June at the Gladstone Library meeting, the Trustees were pleased to be able to award the Dewi Rowlands Bursary to a Theological Student, beginning his Masters Dissertation, 'Early Congregational History in the 17th Century', which will be validated by the Highland Theological College (Dingwall) under the authority of the University of the Highlands and Islands.

During 2023 the Executive Officer made visits to three UCCC churches in different parts of the country, two in West Yorkshire, Union Croft and Allerton Congregational Churches. In September, along with two of the UCCC Trustees, a visit was made to Laugharne Congregational Church in South Wales. Union Croft and Laugharne are churches that are being supported with grants for both supporting the ministry and helping them to maintain their buildings. These were considered to be successful meetings because they gave a clear insight into the work that has been enabled and supported through grants.

The trustees were pleased to be able to assist a minister from the Congregational Federation with a small grant that helped to publish a book concerning the important history of his church based in the Brixton area of London.

For future Trustee Meetings consideration may be given to inviting churches that are applying for a grant to ask a representative from the church to temporarily join the meeting via Zoom or Teams to give some background and details about and for the grant application.

The subject of safe on-line file sharing was discussed once again and Mr Jim Lyon, a nominative Trustee, and the Executive Officer were asked to look into the matter once again, their findings and recommendations to be discussed during 2024.

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In June 2023 the Trustees were informed that the Reverend Malcolm Coles had died earlier in the year. Malcolm was a former EFCC Minister and one of the three Peripatetic Ministers, later Church Support Workers, appointed by the UCCC Trustees to be the main contact between the Trustees and the churches. Malcolm was responsible for all the churches in the northern area. Revd Gwynne Evans represented the UCCC Trustees at Malcolm's funeral. At the November Trustee Meeting the Trustees were informed of the death of Reverend David Ruddick the former minister of Zion Congregational Church, Settle. Revd Ruddick was a recipient of grants from the Sydney Berry Trust Fund. Details of how the grants were awarded by the Trustees and other activities of the Charity are outlined elsewhere in this report.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Nature of governing document

The Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities came into being to enable churches that remained independent and did not join either the Congregational Federation or the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches to receive a fair allocation of the assets of the former Congregational Church in England and Wales, 32 County Union Incorporated Bodies and other apportionable funds. The restrictions to the various funds are laid down in the governing instruments.

The original Charities were founded by the creation of trust funds under a Charity Commission scheme dated 4th January 1977 and in the Charity Commission Scheme the expression "Unaffiliated Congregational Churches" means:

- a) Congregational Churches which were in membership with the former Congregational Church in England and Wales or were members of the Congregational Union of England and Wales in the year 1966 and which on the 31st December 1975 were not member churches of the Congregational Federation or of an Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches and
- b) Congregational Churches in England and Wales formed after 5th October 1972 which are not members of the Congregational Federation or of an Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches.

Further charities were created by a succession of Charity Commission schemes from 1980 onwards. In August 2008 the Charity Commission approved a new scheme, which amalgamated all the County Union Funds into the 7 main funds of the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities.

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Charity has nine Trustees of which six are Nominative Trustees: three by the Committee of the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches (EFCC) and three the Council of the Congregational Federation (CF). These Trustees are nominated by their own grouping for a period of four years on the basis of providing a wide range of skills and experience that will add to and enhance the Charity's existing skill base.

The remaining three Trustees are co-opted, through a ballot of all the listed Unaffiliated Churches, for a period of five years. When a vacancy arises all such churches are contacted and given a specified date by which to submit names of suitable candidates to the Revd Frank Wroe, the Executive Officer.

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A profile of each candidate is then obtained and circulated to each listed Unaffiliated Church to enable each church to elect a new Trustee by way of ballot.

At the end of their term the Trustees representing the Unaffiliated Churches are required to confirm whether they wish to continue to act or not. If they express a wish to continue this is ratified by the other serving Trustees at the next scheduled Trustees' Meeting. If they do not wish to continue the process of recruiting a new Trustee begins again.

Induction and training of new Trustees

Most newly elected or appointed Trustees will already be familiar with the practical work of the Charity and they are encouraged to read a copy of the Charity's Handbook as well as being provided with copies of minutes of Trustee meetings for the past year.

All new Trustees are provided with details of "CC3—The Essential Trustee: What you need to know" accessed from the Charity Commission website. This document provides guidance to all Trustees, and those who are about to become Trustees, on what is involved in being a charity trustee.

Prospective new Trustees are also encouraged to attend Trustees' meetings as an observer prior to them being appointed as a Trustee. This is designed to give a practical insight into the issues that arise during such meetings and to introduce them to other Trustees. Before attending their first meeting all new Trustees are asked to sign an automatic disqualification form, confirming their eligibility to serve as the Trustee of a charity.

Organisational structure

Staff

The Charity has no full-time staff but does employ a part-time Executive Officer. Revd Frank Wroe continued in the position of Executive Officer of the Charity and works an average of three days per week for the Charity.

Trustees

Mrs L. Perry was elected by the Trustee Board to serve as Chair of Trustees for 2023.
Dr D L James was elected by the Trustee Board to serve as Secretary for 2023.

Major risks and management of those risks

Investments

The Charity has no property other than its Stock Market investments. These investments are held in four charity investment funds, each with a wide spread portfolio of holdings. The funds comprise a roughly equal split between fixed interest and equity funds, with a slight bias towards equities, and they provide a regular quarterly income to the Charity. The Trustees undertake periodic reviews of the Charity's investments.

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Policy on control of fraud

The Trustees have an agreed policy of continuing to use professional charity experienced accountants to audit the Charity's accounts in order to ensure that they remain in line with the Charity Commission accounting and reporting standards.

The policy will ensure that any loan repayments to the Charity are paid in full and within the agreed time scales. This is achieved by the Trustees, through the Executive Officer, obtaining a detailed analysis of income and expenditure, including outstanding and paid loans at each Trustee Meeting.

Financial Review

Incoming resources amounted to £106,331. This is a reduction of £23,898 on the previous year. Investment income has increased £2,847 but there has been a decrease in other income of £26,745. Other income last year included £3,313 from Thelma Jordan's estate and £23,540 from the sale of Bethania, Tredegar which were one off items last year.

Resources expended amounted to £127,674, an increase of £5,875 on the previous year. Grants have remained consistent, showing a small reduction of £1,409 and management and administrative costs have increased £7,284, the majority of costs have increased again this year.

This has resulted in a net deficit of £21,343 (2022 a surplus of £8,430) prior to investment revaluation. The market value of investments at the year end have increased by £127,131 resulting in an overall surplus for the year of £105,788 (2022 a deficit of £295,235).

Total funds carried forward were £2,789,447 (2022 £2,683,659), split £846,795 (2022 £789,943) unrestricted, £670,522 (2022 £682,593) restricted and £1,272,130 (2022 £1,211,123) endowment.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects and aims

To support through grants and low-cost interest loans, personal contact, and encouragement where possible the listed Unaffiliated Congregational Churches, their members, serving ministers, and, where appropriate, retired ministers or their widows or widowers.

Public benefit

The Charity has seven specific funds that allow the Trustees to distribute its income in the form of grants and/or loans where necessary to assist and maintain ministry in individual churches and to assist with the relief of hardship for retired ministers or their widows and widowers. Other areas of assistance include grants for the education of ministers, their children, and students training for the ministry.

Grants and loans are also available to churches for repairs and the ongoing maintenance of buildings or expansion of church buildings and assistance to comply with legal building requirements in order to meet current building legislation. Where appropriate, grants for regeneration are also considered to assist churches on the point of closure to remain open.

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Churches are invited to apply to the Trustees for support by completing an application form, which gives the Trustees specific details of the assistance required by the church. This application will usually be accompanied by two years audited accounts of the church and, in the case of building work, two or three estimates from different builders to support the application. In the case of a grant for maintenance of the ministry or additional ministerial training the minister must possess a clear and current Criminal Record Disclosure Certificate.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission of England and Wales.

Grant making policies

The Charity's main objective is to assist churches and individuals with grants as made from appropriate funds.

During 2023 the UCCC Trustees were able to award grants to eleven UCCC listed churches and 47 individuals associated with UCCC listed churches. In addition the following Congregational based organisations were assisted with grants; Congregational History Society, the Congregational Partnership Ltd, the Congregational Federation Ltd, the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches Trust Corporation Ltd.

The Trustees were pleased to be able to award the Dewi Rowlands Bursary to a young theological student. In addition they were pleased to be able to assist a minister from the Congregational Federation to publish a book concerning the important history of his church in the Brixton area of London.

The grants were made from the Charity's following Funds:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
• General Purposes Fund	£ 4,520
• Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	£ 20,029
• Ministerial Training Fund	£ 9,680
• Church Extension Fund	£ 26,585
• Welfare Fund	£ 5,345
• Homes for retired Ministers Fund	£ 14,013
• Education Fund	£ 900
• Sydney Berry Trust	<u>£ 5,336</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>£ 86,408</u>

The Trustees awarded the grants in the following ways:

- Grants totalling £900 from the Education Fund were awarded to the six children of two UCCC ministers to assist with their education.

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- From the Church Extension Fund the Trustees were able to assist seven churches, in various parts of the country, with grants totalling £26,585 for building work. This work included assisting one church in West Yorkshire with the preparation and treatment of woodwork in order to eradicate woodworm, three churches in South Wales were helped with grants for roof repairs, damp course treatment and redecorating, a further church was assisted with a grant for general building repairs and redecoration the third church had grant assistance to help them to carry out building repairs and alterations which will result in helping them to bring much needed school rooms back into use as well as improving the church grounds for the benefit of the congregation and the immediate wider community. One church in Devon received a grant to help with the repairs of their church doors, which are 100+ years old and the repair to a shelter in the church grounds. One church in Hertfordshire received a grant assisting them to replace part of a church ceiling. One church in Essex received assistance to replace rotten woodwork and in parts of the church and redecorating the whole church.
- Once again two churches, one in South Wales the other in West Yorkshire, received grants totalling £20,029 for the support of minister's stipends. Both these grants came from the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund.
- £1,200 from the General Purposes Fund was awarded to the Congregational History Society to assist with the administration costs of the Society.
- Other grants from the General Purposes Fund amounted to £3,320 and were for: one church in South Wales who received a small grant helping them to purchase a new Church Notice Board. One church in Cheshire who received a grant to assist them to replace pew covers and carpet. Eleven ministers and pastors of UCCC churches were once again awarded a grant to assist them with the purchase of books and resources. One minister from a Congregational Federation church in London was awarded a grant to help him to publish a history of his church. The three Congregational Trust Companies; Congregational Partnership Ltd, Congregational Federation Ltd and the EFCC Trust Corporation Ltd were given grants to assist them with costs involved in their role of Custodian Trusteeship for fifteen listed Unaffiliated churches.
- Payments totalling £5,336 were made from the Dr Sydney Berry Trust to four retired ministers and the widows of four retired ministers of Unaffiliated Churches.
- Grants totalling £14,013 were awarded from the Homes for Retired Ministers Fund to assist four retired ministers and the widows of three retired ministers of Unaffiliated Churches, with the payment of Council Tax & Water Rate demands.
- Grants totalling £5,345 for the relief of hardship were made to five retired ministers and the widows of four former retired ministers of Unaffiliated Churches, which came from the Welfare Fund.
(Note: One of these grants £545 was a one off grant to assist a retired UCCC minister who had closed her church in 2020.)

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- The Trustees awarded grants totalling £9,680 from the Ministerial Training Fund: a grant of £5,000 for the Dewi Rowlands Bursary. One church in Hertfordshire received a grant of £4,680 from the Ministerial Training Fund to assist with the costs of course fees for one of their members who is about to commence a course leading to a B.A. in theology through the Union School of Theology, Bridgend.

Loans

From time to time the Charity is able to make low-cost interest loans to churches, to be repaid over a set period of 2, 3 or 5 years, or longer if required, to assist with ongoing repairs or renovations to church property.

The Trustees did not make any loans during 2023 and there were no outstanding loans due for repayment in the year.

Charitable commitments

As part of the policy of continually reviewing all the regular grants, as outlined in the Report of the Trustees the following grant structure for Maintenance of the Ministry, Welfare and various other regular grants is in place. These future grants have been notified to the churches and individuals concerned and with the exception of the grants from Dr Sydney Berry Trust for retired ministers and retired minister's widows, which have not been guaranteed.

Year	£
2024	38,091
2025	29,143
2026	28,643

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Financial instruments

Objectives and policies

The Charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk.

Cash flow risk

The Charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in interest rates. Interest bearing assets are held at fixed rate to ensure certainty of cash flows.

Credit risk

The Charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and investments.

The credit risk on liquid funds is limited because the counterparties are banks with high credit-ratings assigned by international credit-rating agencies.

The Charity has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a number of counterparties.

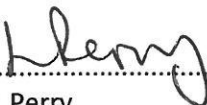
Liquidity risk

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the Charity uses investments in charity-managed funds and deposits which are reviewed on a regular basis.

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information. The trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

The annual report was approved by the trustees of the charity on 19 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Mrs L Perry
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

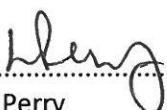
The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the charitable company's website. Legislation governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 19 June 2024 and signed on its behalf by:


.....
Mrs L Perry
Trustee



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2023, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (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 incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been 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 responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements 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 twelve months from when the original financial statements were 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 annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.



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In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements 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 financial statements 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

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Report) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities (set out on page 11), the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, 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 financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements 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 financial statements.



UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES (CONTINUED)

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:

The extent to which 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 focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity; and
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations through making enquiries of management.

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

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considered 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.

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 those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management 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 is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.



UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UNAFFILIATED

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES (CONTINUED)

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the trustees those matters we are required to state to trustees in an auditors' 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 its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Horsfield & Smith is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Peter G Nicol BSc FCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of Horsfield & Smith, Statutory Auditor

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19 June 2024

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2023 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Investment income	2	30,987	23,541	49,076	103,604
Other income	3	2,632	95	-	2,727
Total Income		33,619	23,636	49,076	106,331
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	4	(18,047)	(16,131)	-	(34,178)
Charitable activities	5	(13,659)	(79,837)	-	(93,496)
Total Expenditure		(31,706)	(95,968)	-	(127,674)
Net income/(expenditure)		1,913	(72,332)	49,076	(21,343)
Gains/losses on investment assets		37,147	28,977	61,007	127,131
Gross transfers between funds		17,792	31,284	(49,076)	-
Net movement in funds		56,852	(12,071)	61,007	105,788
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		789,943	682,593	1,211,123	2,683,659
Total funds carried forward	16	846,795	670,522	1,272,130	2,789,447

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

Prior year Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Investment income	2	29,526	22,827	48,404	100,757
Other income	3	29,472	-	-	29,472
Total Income		58,998	22,827	48,404	130,229
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	4	(14,573)	(13,220)	-	(27,793)
Charitable activities	5	(28,016)	(65,990)	-	(94,006)
Total Expenditure		(42,589)	(79,210)	-	(121,799)
Net income/(expenditure)		16,409	(56,383)	48,404	8,430
Gains/losses on investment assets		(89,458)	(69,783)	(144,424)	(303,665)
Gross transfers between funds		(208)	48,612	(48,404)	-
Net movement in funds		(73,257)	(77,554)	(144,424)	(295,235)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		863,200	760,147	1,355,547	2,978,894
Total funds carried forward	16	789,943	682,593	1,211,123	2,683,659

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2022 is shown in note 16.

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

BALANCE SHEET 31 DECEMBER 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	13	2,722,067	2,514,936
Current assets			
Debtors	14	37,200	36,200
Cash at bank and in hand	19	<u>38,867</u>	<u>139,220</u>
		76,067	175,420
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(8,687)</u>	<u>(6,697)</u>
Net current assets		<u>67,380</u>	<u>168,723</u>
Net assets		<u>2,789,447</u>	<u>2,683,659</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Endowment funds		1,272,130	1,211,123
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		670,522	682,593
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>846,795</u>	<u>789,943</u>
Total funds	16	<u>2,789,447</u>	<u>2,683,659</u>

The financial statements on pages 16 to 34 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on ~~19/6/2024~~ and signed on their behalf by:



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Dr D L James
Trustee

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2019.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

The financial statements are presented in £ sterling.

Going concern

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

Income and endowments

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations and legacies

Cash donations, gifts, legacies and grants are accounted for in full as they are received. The value of voluntary help is not included in the accounts.

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

Investment income

Bank interest is accounted for on receipt. Other investment income is accounted for when receivable.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources. The irrecoverable element of VAT is included within the item of expense to which it relates. Grants offered subject to conditions, which have not been met at the year end date, are noted as commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in the management of investments.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the Charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

Debtors

Are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of is established when there is objective evidence that they will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the Charity. Income from those assets may be used to support the objectives of the Charity.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs),

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the Charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the Charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the Charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

2 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds Expendable £	Total funds £
Interest receivable and similar income;				
Interest receivable on bank deposits	808	-	-	808
Other income from fixed asset investments	<u>30,179</u>	<u>23,541</u>	<u>49,076</u>	<u>102,796</u>
Total for 2023	<u><u>30,987</u></u>	<u><u>23,541</u></u>	<u><u>49,076</u></u>	<u><u>103,604</u></u>
Total for 2022	<u><u>29,526</u></u>	<u><u>22,827</u></u>	<u><u>48,404</u></u>	<u><u>100,757</u></u>

3 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Other income	1,745	95	1,840
Rental income	<u>887</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>887</u>
Total for 2023	<u><u>2,632</u></u>	<u><u>95</u></u>	<u><u>2,727</u></u>
Total for 2022	<u><u>29,472</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>29,472</u></u>

4 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Administrative costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Staff Costs	14,751	12,743	27,494
Administrative expenses	<u>3,296</u>	<u>3,388</u>	<u>6,684</u>
Total for 2023	<u><u>18,047</u></u>	<u><u>16,131</u></u>	<u><u>34,178</u></u>
Total for 2022	<u><u>14,573</u></u>	<u><u>13,220</u></u>	<u><u>27,793</u></u>

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Grant funding of activities	7	9,856	76,552	86,408
Governance costs	6	3,803	3,285	7,088
Total for 2023		13,659	79,837	93,496
Total for 2022		28,016	65,990	94,006

6 Analysis of governance and support costs

Raising funds expenditure

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Audit fees			
Audit of the financial statements	1,610	1,390	3,000
Other fees paid to auditors	2,193	1,895	4,088
Total for 2023	3,803	3,285	7,088
Total for 2022	3,291	2,898	6,189

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

7 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

	Grants to institutions		Grants to individuals	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£
Analysis				
General Purposes	3,345	17,875	6,511	6,850
Maintenance of the Ministry	20,029	23,864	-	-
Ministerial Training	4,680	-	5,000	-
Church Extension	26,585	21,494	-	-
Homes for Retired Ministers	-	-	14,013	12,534
Welfare	-	-	5,345	4,360
Education	-	-	900	840
	<u>54,639</u>	<u>63,233</u>	<u>31,769</u>	<u>24,584</u>

8 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net (outgoing)/incoming resources for the year include:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Audit fees	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,850</u>

9 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

£1,674 (2022: £709) of expenses were reimbursed to the trustees during the year.

During the year eight trustees were paid expenses in relation to reimbursed meeting expenses.

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	25,159	20,731
Pension costs	<u>2,335</u>	<u>2,074</u>
	<u>27,494</u>	<u>22,805</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2023 No	2022 No
Executive officer	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

11 Auditors' remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Audit of the financial statements	<u>3,000</u>	<u>2,850</u>
Other fees to auditors		
All other non-audit services	<u>4,088</u>	<u>3,339</u>

12 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

13 Fixed asset investments

	2023 £	2022 £
Other investments	<u>2,722,067</u>	<u>2,514,936</u>

Other investments

	Fixed interest investments £	Managed funds £	Total £
Cost or Valuation			
At 1 January 2023	938,611	1,576,325	2,514,936
Revaluation	78,627	48,504	127,131
Additions	<u>40,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>	<u>80,000</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,057,238</u>	<u>1,664,829</u>	<u>2,722,067</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2023	<u>1,057,238</u>	<u>1,664,829</u>	<u>2,722,067</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>938,611</u>	<u>1,576,325</u>	<u>2,514,936</u>

Analysis of investments at 31 December 2023 between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
Listed and other investments					
Fixed interest investments	293,880	229,248	534,110	1,057,238	938,611
Managed funds	<u>520,656</u>	<u>406,153</u>	<u>738,020</u>	<u>1,664,829</u>	<u>1,576,325</u>
	<u>814,536</u>	<u>635,401</u>	<u>1,272,130</u>	<u>2,722,067</u>	<u>2,514,936</u>

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

The investments representing more than 5% of the total value are as follows:

	Endowed			Expendable		
	Units	Market Value	%	Units	Market Value	%
Charinco Income Units	55354.057	82,113	3.1	82708.374	122,691	4.4
COIF Income Units	17231.700	341,963	12.6	23674.980	469,830	17.3
Charifund Units	27600.000	396,057	14.5	29207.441	456,977	16.8
COIF Ethical Investment Units	150164.920	451,997	16.6	133036.060	400,439	14.7
		<u>1,272,130</u>			<u>1,449,937</u>	

14 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments	200	200
Other debtors	1,000	-
Amounts falling due after more than one year: Interest in property	11,000	11,000
Amounts falling due after more than one year: Loans to churches	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
	<u>37,200</u>	<u>36,200</u>

The interest in property figure includes loans to churches made on the following basis:

In March 1992, a loan was made to the Congregational Federation Limited to purchase the freehold reversion of Bethesda, Brynmawr, amounting to £11,000. This loan represented 22% of the value of the building at that time. Repayment of the loan will be expected if and when the church is sold with 22% of the sale price.

Loans to churches carry an interest rate set by the Trustees. All such loans are considered recoverable.

In November 2016 the trustees agreed a loan of £25,000 to the Union Croft Chapel. This loan will only be repayable in the event of the closure of the chapel or if the pastor leaves the chapel.

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	1,685	345
Accruals	<u>7,002</u>	<u>6,352</u>
	<u>8,687</u>	<u>6,697</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

16 Funds	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Unrestricted funds						
General purpose	789,943	33,619	(31,706)	17,792	37,147	846,795
Total unrestricted funds	789,943	33,619	(31,706)	17,792	37,147	846,795
Restricted funds						
Maintenance of ministry	-	3,157	(20,029)	12,987	3,885	-
Ministerial training	236,328	3,057	(16,300)	10,962	3,763	237,810
Church extension	232,062	9,078	(33,070)	1,888	11,174	221,132
Homes for retired ministers	196,897	6,829	(19,437)	3,897	8,290	196,476
Welfare	17,306	1,407	(6,232)	891	1,732	15,104
Education	-	108	(900)	659	133	-
Total restricted funds	682,593	23,636	(95,968)	31,284	28,977	670,522
Endowment funds						
<i>Permanent</i>						
General purpose	716,412	29,030	-	(29,030)	36,087	752,499
Maintenance of ministry	51,020	2,067	-	(2,067)	2,570	53,590
Ministerial training	270,538	10,962	-	(10,962)	13,628	284,166
Church extension	46,598	1,888	-	(1,888)	2,348	48,946

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023 (CONTINUED)

	Balance at 1 January 2023 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2023 £
Homes for retired ministers	96,167	3,897	-	(3,897)	4,844	101,011
Welfare	21,984	891	-	(891)	1,107	23,091
Education	8,404	341	-	(341)	423	8,827
Total endowment funds	1,211,123	49,076	-	(49,076)	61,007	1,272,130
Total funds	2,683,659	106,331	(127,674)	-	127,131	2,789,447
	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Unrestricted funds						
General purpose	863,200	58,998	(42,589)	(208)	(89,458)	789,943
Total unrestricted funds	863,200	58,998	(42,589)	(208)	(89,458)	789,943
Restricted funds						
Maintenance of ministry	-	3,061	(23,864)	30,160	(9,357)	-
Ministerial training	236,578	2,964	(4,965)	10,812	(9,061)	236,328
Church extension	275,551	8,802	(27,244)	1,862	(26,909)	232,062
Homes for retired ministers	223,640	6,530	(17,153)	3,843	(19,963)	196,897
Welfare	24,378	1,365	(5,144)	879	(4,172)	17,306
Education	-	105	(840)	1,056	(321)	-

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	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Total restricted funds	<u>760,147</u>	<u>22,827</u>	<u>(79,210)</u>	<u>48,612</u>	<u>(69,783)</u>	<u>682,593</u>
Endowment funds						
<i>Permanent</i>						
General purpose	801,842	28,633	-	(28,633)	(85,430)	716,412
Maintenance of ministry	57,104	2,039	-	(2,039)	(6,084)	51,020
Ministerial training	302,799	10,812	-	(10,812)	(32,261)	270,538
Church extension	52,155	1,862	-	(1,862)	(5,557)	46,598
Homes for retired ministers	107,635	3,843	-	(3,843)	(11,468)	96,167
Welfare	24,606	879	-	(879)	(2,622)	21,984
Education	9,406	336	-	(336)	(1,002)	8,404
Total endowment funds	<u>1,355,547</u>	<u>48,404</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(48,404)</u>	<u>(144,424)</u>	<u>1,211,123</u>
Total funds	<u>2,978,894</u>	<u>130,229</u>	<u>(121,799)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(303,665)</u>	<u>2,683,659</u>

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

Maintenance of the Ministry - Income is used for grants to Unaffiliated Congregational Churches or otherwise for maintaining ministry within a Congregational Church.

Ministerial Training - Income is used for training men and women for the ministry of the Congregational Denomination.

Church Extension - For the use of the upkeep and repair of property, and the services it provides, of an Unaffiliated Congregational Church. In addition the fund may be used for the extension of existing buildings and in the provision or construction of buildings to be used as a Congregational Church or for residences of ministers of Unaffiliated Congregational Churches.

Homes for Retired Ministers - Income from this fund is to be used to provide accommodation for retired ministers and their widows/widowers in retirement.

Welfare - For use in the relief of need among ministers and their dependents by way of grants 'or otherwise'.

Education - To be used for the benefit of the children of the minister of an Unaffiliated Congregational Church.

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17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds at 31 December 2023 £
Fixed asset investments	814,536	635,401	1,272,130	2,722,067
Current assets	40,946	35,121	-	76,067
Current liabilities	(8,687)	-	-	(8,687)
Total net assets	<u>846,795</u>	<u>670,522</u>	<u>1,272,130</u>	<u>2,789,447</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds Expendable £	Total funds at 31 December 2022 £
Fixed asset investments	732,447	571,366	1,211,123	2,514,936
Current assets	64,193	111,227	-	175,420
Current liabilities	(6,697)	-	-	(6,697)
Total net assets	<u>789,943</u>	<u>682,593</u>	<u>1,211,123</u>	<u>2,683,659</u>

18 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 January 2023 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 December 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>139,220</u>	<u>(100,353)</u>	<u>38,867</u>
Net debt	<u>139,220</u>	<u>(100,353)</u>	<u>38,867</u>
	At 1 January 2022 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 December 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>108,545</u>	<u>30,675</u>	<u>139,220</u>
Net debt	<u>108,545</u>	<u>30,675</u>	<u>139,220</u>

19 Cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash on hand	61	76
Cash at bank	<u>38,806</u>	<u>139,144</u>
	<u>38,867</u>	<u>139,220</u>

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20 Financial instruments

Categorisation of financial instruments

	2023	2022
	£	£
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	2,722,067	2,514,936
Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	37,000	36,000
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	8,687	6,697

21 Related party transactions

Congregational History Society Grant: The Reverend Chris Damp, Treasurer of the Society, and Dr Digby James, printer for the Society took no part in the discussion or the decision to award the grant to the Congregational History Society.

UCCC Trustees, Pastor Mike Valentine, the Minister of Bradley Congregational Church took no part in the discussion or the decision to award the book grant to UCCC ministers. Pastor Valentine requested that he did not personally receive the grant. In addition Pastor Valentine withdrew from the meeting which discussed and made the decision to award Bradley Chapel a grant for refurbishment of the Chapel seating and carpeting.

Custodian Trustee Grants awarded to the Trust Bodies of: Congregational Federation Ltd, the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches Trust Corporation Ltd and the Congregational Partnership Ltd. The Nominative Trustees from each group took no part in the discussion or the decision to award a Custodian Trustee Grant for their particular group.

The Chair of Trustees, Mrs Linda Perry, withdrew from the meeting which discussed and made the decision to award a grant to Griffithstown Congregational Church. Mrs Perry is a deacon and the Treasurer of Griffithstown Congregational Church.

Accounts

Charity registration number: 273854

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**ANNUAL REPORT AND
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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Registered charity name	Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities
Charity number	273854
Principal office	678 Ripponden Road Moorside Oldham OL4 2LP
Bankers	National Westminster Bank plc 16 South Parade Nottingham NG1 2JX
Solicitors	Anthony Collins Solicitors 134 Edmond Street Birmingham B3 3ES
Auditors	Horsfield & Smith Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor Tower House 269 Walmersley Road Bury Lancashire BL9 6NX

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TRUSTEES' REPORT YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2022

The Trustees present their Report and the Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the Charity governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014.

THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees who served the Charity during the period 1st January to 31st December 2022 were as follows:

Representing the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches (UCC)

Mrs L Perry (Honorary Chair of Trustees)
Pastor C W Davies (Appointed March 2022)
Pastor M J Valentine

Nominative Trustees from the Congregational Federation (CF)

Mr D M Tucker
Revd C Damp
Mr J A Lyon (Appointed March 2022)

Nominative Trustees from the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches (EFCC)

Dr D L James (Honorary Secretary of Trustees)
Revd G M Evans
Revd J M Devenish (Appointed March 2022)

Achievements and performance

During 2022 the Trustees met on three occasions in order to consider and fulfil the business of the Charity. Both the March and November meetings were held via Zoom but for the June Meeting the Trustees returned to Gladstone's Library in Hawarden

Of the nine appointed Trustees:

Eight Trustees attended three meetings

One Trustee attended one meeting.

The Executive Officer attended three meetings.

The Board were pleased to welcome two new Nominative Trustees Mr Jim Lyon Nominated by the Congregational Federation and Reverend James Devenish Nominated by the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches. In addition Pastor Clive Davies was, by ballot of the listed Unaffiliated Congregational Churches, elected to serve as a Trustee. The Executive Officer issued all the relevant information to all three new Trustees prior to them attending their first Trustee Meeting.

The Trustees agreed that for the foreseeable future the March and November Trustee Meetings will continue to be held on-line via Zoom and as far as is possible, the June Meeting, which incorporates the review and acceptance of the Trustees Annual Report and Accounts, should be held in person.

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During the year the Trustees continued to press the Charity Commission on their internal review of events which led to the decision not to share their considerations and conclusions, under a Freedom of Information request from the Trustees, following the apparent gifting of land and buildings and the distribution of funds from a church in Yorkshire which closed in 2019, to another charity. During the year the Charity Commission review found that the Commission decision was valid and that if the Trustees wished to appeal this decision they could apply to Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a review of the whole process. In July an official appeal to the ICO was made and in December the ICO ruled that the Charity Commission had followed the correct procedure in their decision not to release any information to the UCCC Trustees under their Freedom of Information application. The Trustees were informed that if they wished to appeal this decision they could do so via the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights). The general feeling of the Trustees was that, however many further appeals are made to different bodies, the bureaucracy would always prevent an analysis of the Charity Commission Freedom of Information decision being available for full scrutiny by the Trustees or any other interested body. Reluctantly the process of appeal was halted.

The Trustees concluded that even in the difficult time of a pandemic during which this whole process was first started, it was disappointing that many time targets were missed by both the Charity Commission and the ICO in their decision making and that no real explanation of why this happened has ever been given. In addition the Trustees noted with disappointment, that after at least two attempts to bring the situation to the attention of the local Member of Parliament for Settle, and the Chair of the local Conservative Party neither of them even acknowledged the receipt of any of the letters and reports sent to them by the UCCC Executive Officer.

The situation with the Wiltshire church, which closed in 2019 and was outlined in the 2021 Trustees Report is current. All investigations have failed to locate the church Trust Deeds and so during the year the Trustees, with the full support of the remaining one member of the church, applied to the Charity Commission for a scheme to make the Congregational Federation Ltd the sole Trustee of the church. This is a long process which is still ongoing but there are indications that the matter could be resolved during 2023.

Of the two churches mentioned in the 2021 Trustees Report, one in South Wales the other in Market Drayton, Shropshire, both of which failed to reopen after the pandemic, the church in South Wales has now been sold with the UCCC receiving a portion of the sale price. The situation concerning the closed church at Market Drayton is still ongoing.

The Trustees discussed a number of other issues including the possibilities of the Trustees sharing relevant UCCC files specifically for Trustee Meetings. As there are so many different systems available security was felt to be a major factor in the discussion and no final decision was made and discussions will be continued.

The subject of internet banking was discussed by the Trustees and a decision to apply for this facility with the UCCC existing bank was deferred. Further information from the other High Street Banks internet banking service was discussed but no decision to switch banks during the year was made. During the year and at different times the Executive Officer provided the required information to complete the NatWest Bank Business Profile for the charity. In December we were still awaiting the final sign off by the bank. Also during the year the Executive Officer experienced somewhat poor service from the NatWest Bank concerning the setting up of Standing Orders for the recipients of the

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Welfare Grants. The aim was to make these payments, which go to retired ministers and ministers widows much simpler but in the end, because of the banks inefficient way of dealing with them, on this occasion it proved to be more of an inconvenience for some of the recipients.

Once again, the Trustees have decided to look at the possibilities of amalgamating two of the main UCCC Funds; The Ministerial Training Fund and The Maintenance of the Ministry Fund. The aim of this decision is to make better, more efficient, relevant use of the funds available to support churches with ministers and encourage churches without a minister to consider ministry with the financial support of grants from a proposed new UCCC Ministry Fund. This will be pursued during 2023.

The availability of the Dewi Rowlands Bursary for assisting a minister or student, who is undertaking or intending to undertake research into Congregationalism was advertised around the UCCC listed churches via the church secretaries and ministers. In addition theological colleges and universities were also informed of the availability of the bursary for their students. Even though the application time has been extended during 2022 the number of responses has been disappointing. Based on the applications the Trustees have decided to offer one applicant an interview and this will take place during the early part of 2023.

It was with great sadness in March of 2022 that the Trustees were informed of the death of Reverend Jim Hammond at the age of 102. Reverend Hammond was the Minister of Haringay United Congregational / Baptist Church for over 20 years. The Executive Officer represented the Trustees and was invited to speak on their behalf at Jim's Memorial Service held at St Mark's Church, Utley, West Yorkshire, where Jim and his wife Carol attend. The service was led by Pastor Malcolm Neale a former UCCC Trustee and the former minister at Union Croft Chapel, Queensbury, and Buttershaw Congregational Church, Bradford. Pastor Neale was close friend of Jim and Carol Hammond.

Also in March 2022 the Trustees were informed that Mrs Rita Fox the widow of the late Reverend Albert Fox, the minister of the former UCCC listed church in Deddington, Gloucestershire, had died. There was no UCCC representation at Mrs Fox's funeral.

Details of grants awarded by the Trustees and other activities of the Charity are outlined elsewhere in this report.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Nature of governing document

The Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities came into being to enable churches that remained independent and did not join either the Congregational Federation or the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches to receive a fair allocation of the assets of the former Congregational Church in England and Wales, 32 County Union Incorporated Bodies and other apportionable funds. The restrictions to the various funds are laid down in the governing instruments.

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The original Charities were founded by the creation of trust funds under a Charity Commission scheme dated 4th January 1977 and in the Charity Commission Scheme the expression "Unaffiliated Congregational Churches" means:

- a) Congregational Churches which were in membership with the former Congregational Church in England and Wales or were members of the Congregational Union of England and Wales in the year 1966 and which on the 31st December 1975 were not member churches of the Congregational Federation or of an Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches and
- b) Congregational Churches in England and Wales formed after 5th October 1972 which are not members of the Congregational Federation or of an Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches.

Further charities were created by a succession of Charity Commission schemes from 1980 onwards. In August 2008 the Charity Commission approved a new scheme, which amalgamated all the County Union Funds into the 7 main funds of the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities.

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Charity has nine Trustees of which six are Nominative Trustees: three by the Committee of the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches (EFCC) and three the Council of the Congregational Federation (CF). These Trustees are nominated by their own grouping for a period of four years on the basis of providing a wide range of skills and experience that will add to and enhance the Charity's existing skill base.

The remaining three Trustees are co-opted, through a ballot of all the listed Unaffiliated Churches, for a period of five years. When a vacancy arises all such churches are contacted and given a specified date by which to submit names of suitable candidates to the Revd Frank Wroe, the Executive Officer. A profile of each candidate is then obtained and circulated to each listed Unaffiliated Church to enable each church to elect a new Trustee by way of ballot.

At the end of their term the Trustees representing the Unaffiliated Churches are required to confirm whether they wish to continue to act or not. If they express a wish to continue this is ratified by the other serving Trustees at the next scheduled Trustees' Meeting. If they do not wish to continue the process of recruiting a new Trustee begins again.

Induction and training of new Trustees

Most newly elected or appointed Trustees will already be familiar with the practical work of the Charity and they are encouraged to read a copy of the Charity's Handbook as well as being provided with copies of minutes of Trustee meetings for the past year.

All new Trustees are provided with details of "CC3—The Essential Trustee: What you need to know" access from the Charity Commission website. This document provides guidance to all Trustees, and those who are about to become Trustees, on what is involved in being a charity trustee.

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Prospective new Trustees are also encouraged to attend Trustees' meetings as an observer prior to them being appointed as a Trustee. This is designed to give a practical insight into the issues that arise during such meetings and to introduce them to other Trustees. Before attending their first meeting all new Trustees are asked to sign an automatic disqualification form, confirming their eligibility to serve as the Trustee of a charity.

Organisational structure

Staff

The Charity has no full time staff but does employ a part-time Executive Officer. Revd Frank Wroe continued in the position of Executive Officer of the Charity and works an average of three days per week for the Charity.

Trustees

Mrs L. Perry was elected by the Trustee Board to serve as Chair of Trustees for 2022.
Dr D L James was elected by the Trustee Board to serve as Secretary for 2022.

Major risks and management of those risks

Investments

The Charity has no property other than its Stock Market investments. These investments are held in four charity investment funds, each with a wide spread portfolio of holdings. The funds comprise a roughly equal split between fixed interest and equity funds, with a slight bias towards equities, and they provide a regular quarterly income to the Charity. The Trustees undertake periodic reviews of the Charity's investments.

Policy on control of fraud

The Trustees have an agreed policy of continuing to use professional charity experienced accountants to audit the Charity's accounts in order to ensure that they remain in line with the Charity Commission accounting and reporting standards.

The policy will ensure that any loan repayments to the Charity are paid in full and within the agreed time scales. This is achieved by the Trustees, through the Executive Officer, obtaining a detailed analysis of income and expenditure, including outstanding and paid loans at each Trustee Meeting.

Financial Review

Incoming resources amounted to £130,229. This is an increase of £33,246 on the previous year, £6,244 relates to investment income, £27,000 relates to other income, which includes £3,313 from Thelma Jordan's estate and £23,540 from the sale of Bethania, Tredegar after settlement of the outstanding loan.

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Resources expended amounted to £121,799, an increase of £16,262 on the previous year. Grants have increased by £11,922, which includes the previous loan to Bethania, Tredegar of £15,000, which has been converted to a grant during the year following the closure and subsequent sale of the church. Management and administrative costs have increased £4,340, the majority of costs have increased this year, the most notably being for meeting expenses.

This has resulted in a net surplus of £8,430 (2021 a deficit of £8,554) prior to investment revaluation. The market value of investments at the year end have decreased by £303,665 resulting in an overall deficit for the year of £295,235 (2021 a surplus of £281,557).

Total funds carried forward were £2,683,659 (2021 £2,978,894), split £789,943 (2021 £863,200) unrestricted, £682,593 (2021 £760,147) restricted and £1,211,123 (2021 £1,355,547) endowment.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects and aims

To support through grants and low-cost interest loans, personal contact, and encouragement where possible the listed Unaffiliated Congregational Churches, their members, serving ministers, and, where appropriate, retired ministers or their widows or widowers.

Public benefit

The Charity has seven specific funds that allow the Trustees to distribute its income in the form of grants and/or loans where necessary to assist and maintain ministry in individual churches and to assist with the relief of hardship for retired ministers or their widows and widowers. Other areas of assistance include grants for the education of ministers, their children, and students training for the ministry.

Grants and loans are also available to churches for repairs and the ongoing maintenance of buildings or expansion of church buildings and assistance to comply with legal building requirements in order to meet current building legislation. Where appropriate, grants for regeneration are also considered to assist churches on the point of closure to remain open.

Churches are invited to apply to the Trustees for support by completing an application form, which gives the Trustees specific details of the assistance required by the church. This application will usually be accompanied by two years audited accounts of the church and, in the case of building work, two or three estimates from different builders to support the application. In the case of a grant for maintenance of the ministry or additional ministerial training the minister must possess a clear and current Criminal Record Disclosure Certificate.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission of England and Wales.

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Grant making policies

The Charity's main objective is to assist churches and individuals with grants as made from appropriate funds.

During 2022 the UCCC Trustees were able to award grants to 4 UCCC listed churches and 27 individuals associated with UCCC listed churches. In addition the following Congregational based organisations were assisted with grants; Congregational History Society, the Congregational Partnership Ltd, the Congregational Federation Ltd, the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches Trust Corporation Ltd.

The grants were made from the Charity's Funds:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>£</u>
• General Purposes Fund	19,435
• Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	23,864
• Ministerial Training Fund	-
• Church Extension Fund	21,494
• Welfare Fund	4,360
• Homes for retired Ministers Fund	12,534
• Education Fund	840
• Sydney Berry Trust	<u>5,290</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>87,817</u>

The Trustees awarded the grants in the following ways:

- Grants totalling £840 from the Education Fund were awarded to the 7 children of 3 UCCC ministers to assist with their education.
- The Charity was able to assist 3 churches ,1 in North Wales, two in Yorkshire, with grants totalling £21,494 for building work: For the church in North Wales the grant was to assist with the cost of replacing the church windows, the re-decoration of the worship area of the church, and to assist with the renewal of the old drainage system. The grant awarded to the church in South Yorkshire was for building work being carried out to repair and re-plaster the worship area ceiling, which is over 100 years old. The grant awarded to the church in West Yorkshire was for assistance to eradicate woodworm infestation in the church.
All these grants came from the Church Extension Fund.
- 3 churches, two in South Wales the other in West Yorkshire, received grants totalling £23,864 for the support of minister's stipends. All these grants came from the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund.
- £1,000 from the General Purposes Fund was awarded to the Congregational History Society to assist with the administration costs of the Society.

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- Payments totalling £5,290 were made from the Dr Sydney Berry Trust to 5 retired ministers and the widows of 3 retired ministers of Unaffiliated Churches.
 - Grants totalling £12,534 were awarded from the Homes for Retired Ministers Fund to assist 4 retired ministers and the widows of 3 retired ministers of Unaffiliated Churches, with the payment of Council Tax & Water Rate demands.
 - Grants totalling £4,360 for the relief of hardship were made to 4 retired ministers and the widows of 5 former retired ministers of Unaffiliated Churches, which came from the Welfare Fund.
 - Grants totalling £1,560 were awarded to 12 ministers and pastors of Unaffiliated Congregational Churches (£130 each). All these grants came from the General Purposes Fund with the specific aim of ministers and pastors purchasing theological books or resource material for their ministry.
 - The Trustees made a grant to each of the 3 Congregational Trust Companies, totalling £1,875 which came from the General Purposes Fund. These 3 companies act as Custodian Trustees to 15 UCCC listed churches.
 - The loan made to Bethania, Tredegar £15,000 was converted to a grant during the year after the closure of the church and subsequent sale. This grant came from the General Purposes Fund.

Loans

From time to time the Charity is able to make low-cost interest loans to churches, to be repaid over a set period of 2, 3 or 5 years, or longer if required, to assist with ongoing repairs or renovations to church property.

The Trustees did not make any loans during 2022 and there were no outstanding loans due for repayment in the year.

Charitable commitments

As part of the policy of continually reviewing all the regular grants, as outlined in the Report of the Trustees the following grant structure for Maintenance of the Ministry, Welfare and various other regular grants is in place. These future grants have been notified to the churches and individuals concerned and with the exception of the grants from Dr Sydney Berry Trust for retired ministers and retired minister's widows, which have not been guaranteed.

Year	£
2023	28,710
2024	29,908
2025	20,115

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Financial instruments

Objectives and policies

The Charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk.

Cash flow risk

The Charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in interest rates. Interest bearing assets are held at fixed rate to ensure certainty of cash flows.

Credit risk

The Charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and investments.

The credit risk on liquid funds is limited because the counterparties are banks and high credit ratings by international credit-rating agencies.

The Charity has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a number of counterparties.

Liquidity risk

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the Charity uses investments in charity-managed funds and deposits which are reviewed on a regular basis.

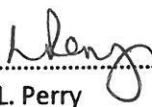
Disclosure of information to auditor

Each Trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a Trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Charity's auditor are aware of that information. The Trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

Reappointment of auditor

The auditors Horsfield & Smith are deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the Trustees of the Charity on 21.6.23 and signed on its behalf by:


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Mrs L. Perry
Chairman

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

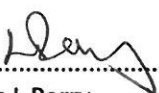
The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 21 June '23 and signed on its behalf by:



Mrs L Perry
Trustee



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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (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 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been 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 responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements 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 twelve months from when the original financial statements were 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 annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements 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 financial statements 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

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

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:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities (set out on page 11), the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, 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 financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements 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 financial statements.



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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:

The extent to which 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 focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity; and
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations through making enquiries of management.

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

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considered 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.

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 those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management 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 is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.



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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the trustees those matters we are required to state to trustees in an auditors' 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 its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Horsfield & Smith is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Jonathan Staples BSc FCA DChA (Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Horsfield & Smith, Statutory Auditor

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Date: 21 June '23

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2022 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Investment income	2	29,526	22,827	48,404	100,757
Other income	3	<u>29,472</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,472</u>
Total Income		<u>58,998</u>	<u>22,827</u>	<u>48,404</u>	<u>130,229</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	4	(14,573)	(13,220)	-	(27,793)
Charitable activities	5	<u>(28,016)</u>	<u>(65,990)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(94,006)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(42,589)</u>	<u>(79,210)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(121,799)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		16,409	(56,383)	48,404	8,430
Gains/losses on investment assets		(89,458)	(69,783)	(144,424)	(303,665)
Gross transfers between funds		<u>(208)</u>	<u>48,612</u>	<u>(48,404)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(73,257)	(77,554)	(144,424)	(295,235)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>863,200</u>	<u>760,147</u>	<u>1,355,547</u>	<u>2,978,894</u>
Total funds carried forward	16	<u>789,943</u>	<u>682,593</u>	<u>1,211,123</u>	<u>2,683,659</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

Prior year Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Investment income	2	27,538	21,473	45,502	94,513
Other income		2,387	83	-	2,470
Total Income		<u>29,925</u>	<u>21,556</u>	<u>45,502</u>	<u>96,983</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		(12,629)	(11,468)	-	(24,097)
Charitable activities		(32,262)	(49,178)	-	(81,440)
Total Expenditure		<u>(44,891)</u>	<u>(60,646)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(105,537)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		(14,966)	(39,090)	45,502	(8,554)
Gains/losses on investment assets		82,578	64,415	143,118	290,111
Gross transfers between funds		17,390	28,112	(45,502)	-
Net movement in funds		85,002	53,437	143,118	281,557
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>778,198</u>	<u>706,710</u>	<u>1,212,429</u>	<u>2,697,337</u>
Total funds carried forward	16	<u>863,200</u>	<u>760,147</u>	<u>1,355,547</u>	<u>2,978,894</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2021 is shown in note 16.

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BALANCE SHEET 31 DECEMBER 2022

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	13	2,514,936	2,818,601
Current assets			
Debtors	14	36,200	57,491
Cash at bank and in hand	19	<u>139,220</u>	<u>108,545</u>
		175,420	166,036
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(6,697)</u>	<u>(5,743)</u>
Net current assets		<u>168,723</u>	<u>160,293</u>
Net assets		<u>2,683,659</u>	<u>2,978,894</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Endowment funds		1,211,123	1,355,547
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		682,593	760,147
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>789,943</u>	<u>863,200</u>
Total funds	16	<u>2,683,659</u>	<u>2,978,894</u>

The financial statements on pages 16 to 36 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 21 June 23 and signed on their behalf by:



Dr D L James
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following 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 16th July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern

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

Income and endowments

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations and legacies

Cash donations, gifts, legacies and grants are accounted for in full as they are received. The value of voluntary help is not included in the accounts.

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Investment income

Bank interest is accounted for on receipt. Other investment income is accounted for when receivable.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources. The irrecoverable element of VAT is included within the item of expense to which it relates. Grants offered subject to conditions, which have not been met at the year end date, are noted as commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in the management of investments.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the Charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

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Debtors

Are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of is established when there is objective evidence that they will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the Charity. Income from those assets may be used to support the objectives of the Charity.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs),

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the Charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the Charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the Charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

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2 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds Expendable £	Total funds £
Interest receivable and similar income;				
Interest receivable on bank deposits	265	-	-	265
Other income from fixed asset investments	<u>29,261</u>	<u>22,827</u>	<u>48,404</u>	<u>100,492</u>
Total for 2022	<u><u>29,526</u></u>	<u><u>22,827</u></u>	<u><u>48,404</u></u>	<u><u>100,757</u></u>
Total for 2021	<u><u>27,538</u></u>	<u><u>21,473</u></u>	<u><u>45,502</u></u>	<u><u>94,513</u></u>

3 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Other income	28,498	-	28,498
Rental income	<u>974</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>974</u>
Total for 2022	<u><u>29,472</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>29,472</u></u>
Total for 2021	<u><u>2,387</u></u>	<u><u>83</u></u>	<u><u>2,470</u></u>

4 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Administrative costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Staff Costs	12,124	10,681	22,805
Administrative expenses	<u>2,449</u>	<u>2,539</u>	<u>4,988</u>
Total for 2022	<u><u>14,573</u></u>	<u><u>13,220</u></u>	<u><u>27,793</u></u>
Total for 2021	<u><u>12,629</u></u>	<u><u>11,468</u></u>	<u><u>24,097</u></u>

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5 Expenditure on charitable activities

		Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Grant funding of activities		24,725	63,092	87,817
Governance costs	6	<u>3,291</u>	<u>2,898</u>	<u>6,189</u>
Total for 2022		<u>28,016</u>	<u>65,990</u>	<u>94,006</u>
Total for 2021		<u>32,262</u>	<u>49,178</u>	<u>81,440</u>

6 Analysis of governance and support costs

Raising funds expenditure

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Audit fees			
Audit of the financial statements	1,515	1,335	2,850
Other fees paid to auditors	<u>1,776</u>	<u>1,563</u>	<u>3,339</u>
Total for 2022	<u>3,291</u>	<u>2,898</u>	<u>6,189</u>
Total for 2021	<u>2,906</u>	<u>2,639</u>	<u>5,545</u>

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7 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

	Grants to institutions		Grants to individuals	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Analysis				
General Purposes	17,875	23,125	6,850	6,231
Maintenance of the Ministry	23,864	22,351	-	-
Church Extension	21,494	7,000	-	-
Homes for Retired Ministers	-	-	12,534	11,868
Welfare	-	-	4,360	4,000
Education	-	-	840	1,320
	<u>63,233</u>	<u>52,476</u>	<u>24,584</u>	<u>23,419</u>

8 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year include:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Audit fees	<u>2,850</u>	<u>2,625</u>

9 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

£709 (2021: £103) of expenses were reimbursed to the trustees during the year.

During the year nine trustees were paid expenses in relation to reimbursed meeting expenses.

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

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10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	20,731	19,765
Pension costs	<u>2,074</u>	<u>1,976</u>
	<u>22,805</u>	<u>21,741</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2022 No	2021 No
Executive officer	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

11 Auditors' remuneration

	2022 £	2021 £
Audit of the financial statements	<u>2,850</u>	<u>2,625</u>
Other fees to auditors		
All other non-audit services	<u>3,339</u>	<u>2,920</u>

12 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

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13 Fixed asset investments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other investments	<u>2,514,936</u>	<u>2,818,601</u>

Other investments

	Fixed interest investments £	Managed funds £	Total £
Cost or Valuation			
At 1 January 2022	1,095,321	1,723,280	2,818,601
Revaluation	<u>(156,710)</u>	<u>(146,955)</u>	<u>(303,665)</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>938,611</u>	<u>1,576,325</u>	<u>2,514,936</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2022	<u>938,611</u>	<u>1,576,325</u>	<u>2,514,936</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>1,095,321</u>	<u>1,723,280</u>	<u>2,818,601</u>

Analysis of investments at 31 December 2022 between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2021 £
Listed and other investments					
Fixed interest investments	250,697	195,563	492,351	938,611	1,095,321
Managed funds	<u>481,750</u>	<u>375,803</u>	<u>718,772</u>	<u>1,576,325</u>	<u>1,723,280</u>
	<u>732,447</u>	<u>571,366</u>	<u>1,211,123</u>	<u>2,514,936</u>	<u>2,818,601</u>

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The investments representing more than 5% of the total value are as follows:

	Endowed			Expendable		
	Units	Market Value	%	Units	Market Value	%
Charinco Income Units	55354.057	80,779	3.2	82708.374	120,698	4.7
COIF Income Units	17231.700	313,184	12.5	23674.980	430,290	17.1
Charifund Units	27600.000	405,588	16.1	29074.909	427,262	17.0
COIF Ethical Investment Units	150164.920	411,572	16.4	118783.990	325,563	13.0
		<u>1,211,123</u>			<u>1,303,813</u>	

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14 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Prepayments	200	200
Other debtors	-	41
Amounts falling due after more than one year: Interest in property	11,000	17,250
Amounts falling due after more than one year: Loans to churches	<u>25,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>
	<u>36,200</u>	<u>57,491</u>

The interest in property figure includes loans to churches made on the following basis:

In March 1992, a loan was made to the Congregational Federation Limited to purchase the freehold reversion of Bethesda, Brynmawr, amounting to £11,000. This loan represented 22% of the value of the building at that time. Repayment of the loan will be expected if and when the church is sold with 22% of the sale price.

Also, in March 1992 a loan was made to the Congregational Federation Limited to purchase the freehold reversion of Bethania, Tredegar, amounting to £6,250, which represented 13% of the value of the building at that time. Repayment of the loan will be made in the event of the church closing with 13% of the sale price. The church was sold during 2022 and the charity received £29,790, being 13% of the sale price.

Loans to churches carry an interest rate set by the Trustees. All such loans are considered recoverable.

In November 2016 the trustees agreed a loan of £25,000 to the Union Croft Chapel. This loan will only be repayable in the event of the closure of the chapel or if the pastor leaves the chapel.

In November 2017 the trustees agreed a loan of £5,000 per year for three years, starting in 2018, to Bethania Congregational Church. If the church closed within that three year period any loans made would have to be paid back in full from the sale proceeds of the church, otherwise the loans would be reviewed again after three years. The church was sold during 2022 and the loan has been converted to a grant during the year.

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	345	-
Accruals	<u>6,352</u>	<u>5,743</u>
	<u>6,697</u>	<u>5,743</u>

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16 Funds	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Unrestricted funds						
General purpose	863,200	58,998	(42,589)	(208)	(89,458)	789,943
Total unrestricted funds	863,200	58,998	(42,589)	(208)	(89,458)	789,943
Restricted funds						
Maintenance of ministry	-	3,061	(23,864)	30,160	(9,357)	-
Ministerial training	236,578	2,964	(4,965)	10,812	(9,061)	236,328
Church extension	275,551	8,802	(27,244)	1,862	(26,909)	232,062
Homes for retired ministers	223,640	6,530	(17,153)	3,843	(19,963)	196,897
Welfare	24,378	1,365	(5,144)	879	(4,172)	17,306
Education	-	105	(840)	1,056	(321)	-
Total restricted funds	760,147	22,827	(79,210)	48,612	(69,783)	682,593
Endowment funds						
<i>Permanent</i>						
General purpose	801,842	28,633	-	(28,633)	(85,430)	716,412
Maintenance of ministry	57,104	2,039	-	(2,039)	(6,084)	51,020
Ministerial training	302,799	10,812	-	(10,812)	(32,261)	270,538
Church extension	52,155	1,862	-	(1,862)	(5,557)	46,598

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	Balance at 1 January 2022 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2022 £
Homes for retired ministers	107,635	3,843	-	(3,843)	(11,468)	96,167
Welfare	24,606	879	-	(879)	(2,622)	21,984
Education	9,406	336	-	(336)	(1,002)	8,404
Total endowment funds	1,355,547	48,404	-	(48,404)	(144,424)	1,211,123
Total funds	2,978,894	130,229	(121,799)	-	(303,665)	2,683,659
	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2021 £
Unrestricted funds						
General purpose	778,198	29,925	(44,891)	17,390	82,578	863,200
Total unrestricted funds	778,198	29,925	(44,891)	17,390	82,578	863,200
Restricted funds						
Maintenance of ministry	-	2,879	(22,351)	10,834	8,638	-
Ministerial training	219,645	2,788	(4,383)	10,164	8,364	236,578
Church extension	252,726	8,280	(12,045)	1,751	24,839	275,551
Homes for retired ministers	211,464	6,226	(16,090)	3,613	18,427	223,640
Welfare	22,875	1,284	(4,457)	826	3,850	24,378
Education	-	99	(1,320)	924	297	-

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	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2021 £
Total restricted funds	<u>706,710</u>	<u>21,556</u>	<u>(60,646)</u>	<u>28,112</u>	<u>64,415</u>	<u>760,147</u>
Endowment funds						
<i>Permanent</i>						
General purpose	717,184	26,915	-	(26,915)	84,658	801,842
Maintenance of ministry	51,075	1,917	-	(1,917)	6,029	57,104
Ministerial training	270,830	10,164	-	(10,164)	31,969	302,799
Church extension	46,648	1,751	-	(1,751)	5,507	52,155
Homes for retired ministers	96,271	3,613	-	(3,613)	11,364	107,635
Welfare	22,008	826	-	(826)	2,598	24,606
Education	8,413	316	-	(316)	993	9,406
Total endowment funds	<u>1,212,429</u>	<u>45,502</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(45,502)</u>	<u>143,118</u>	<u>1,355,547</u>
Total funds	<u>2,697,337</u>	<u>96,983</u>	<u>(105,537)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>290,111</u>	<u>2,978,894</u>

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

Maintenance of the Ministry - Income is used for grants to Unaffiliated Congregational Churches or otherwise for maintaining ministry within a Congregational Church.

Ministerial Training - Income is used for training men and women for the ministry of the Congregational Denomination.

Church Extension - For the use of the upkeep and repair of property, and the services it provides, of an Unaffiliated Congregational Church. In addition the fund may be used for the extension of existing buildings and in the provision or construction of buildings to be used as a Congregational Church or for residences of ministers of Unaffiliated Congregational Churches.

Homes for Retired Ministers - Income from this fund is to be used to provide accommodation for retired ministers and their widows/widowers in retirement.

Welfare - For use in the relief of need among ministers and their dependents by way of grants 'or otherwise'.

Education - To be used for the benefit of the children of the minister of an Unaffiliated Congregational Church.

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17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds at 31 December 2022 £
Fixed asset investments	732,447	571,366	1,211,123	2,514,936
Current assets	64,193	111,227	-	175,420
Current liabilities	(6,697)	-	-	(6,697)
Total net assets	<u>789,943</u>	<u>682,593</u>	<u>1,211,123</u>	<u>2,683,659</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds Expendable £	Total funds at 31 December 2021 £
Fixed asset investments	821,905	641,149	1,355,547	2,818,601
Current assets	47,038	118,998	-	166,036
Current liabilities	(5,743)	-	-	(5,743)
Total net assets	<u>863,200</u>	<u>760,147</u>	<u>1,355,547</u>	<u>2,978,894</u>

18 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 January 2022 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 December 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>108,545</u>	<u>30,675</u>	<u>139,220</u>
Net debt	<u>108,545</u>	<u>30,675</u>	<u>139,220</u>
	At 1 January 2021 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 December 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>117,446</u>	<u>(8,901)</u>	<u>108,545</u>
Net debt	<u>117,446</u>	<u>(8,901)</u>	<u>108,545</u>

19 Cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash on hand	76	140
Cash at bank	<u>139,144</u>	<u>108,405</u>
	<u>139,220</u>	<u>108,545</u>

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20 Financial instruments

Categorisation of financial instruments

	2022	2021
	£	£
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	2,514,936	2,818,601
Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	30,000	57,250
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	6,697	5,743

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21 Related party transactions

Congregational History Society Grant: The Reverend Chris Damp, Treasurer of the Society and Dr Digby James, printer for the Society took no part in the discussion or the decision to award the grant to the Congregational History Society.

UCCC Trustees, Pastor Mike Valentine, the Minister of Bradley Congregational Church and Pastor Clive Davies the Minister at Cedron Chapel, Pontybodkin, took no part in the discussion or the decision to award the book grant to UCCC ministers. Pastor Valentine requested that he did not personally receive the grant.

Custodian Trustee Grants awarded to the Trust Bodies of: Congregational Federation Ltd, the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches Trust Corporation Ltd and the Congregational Partnership Ltd. The Nominative Trustees from each group took no part in the discussion or the decision to award a Custodian Trustee Grant for their particular group.

Accounts

Charity registration number: 273854

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

Registered charity name	Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities
Charity number	273854
Principal office	678 Ripponden Road Moorside Oldham OL4 2LP
Trustees	Mr R J Alp (Retired December 2021) Mrs L. Perry Pastor M J Valentine Mr P. Butler (Resigned November 2021) Mr D. M. Tucker Revd C J Damp Dr D L James Revd S Dunning (Resigned November 2021) Revd G. M. Evans
Executive Officer	Revd F Wroe
Bankers	National Westminster Bank plc 16 South Parade Nottingham NG1 2JX
Solicitors	Anthony Collins Solicitors 134 Edmond Street Birmingham B3 3ES
Auditor	Horsfield & Smith Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor Tower House 269 Walmersley Road Bury Lancashire BL9 6NX

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The Trustees present their Report and the Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2021.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the Charity governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014.

THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees who served the Charity during the period 1st January to 31st December 2021 were as follows:

Elected by the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches (UCC)

Mrs Linda Perry (Honorary Chair of Trustees)
Mr R Alp (Retired December 2021)
Pastor M J Valentine

Nominative Trustees from the Congregational Federation (CF)

Mr M Tucker
Revd C Damp
Mr P Butler (Resigned November 2021)

Nominative Trustees from the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches (EFCC)

Dr D L James (Honorary Secretary of Trustees)
Reverend Gwynne Evans
Reverend Stephen Dunning (Resigned November 2021)

Achievements and performance

2021 proved to be another difficult year due to the uncertainty of Coronavirus and its effect on the restrictions of numbers and social distancing rules imposed on places of worship in different parts of the country.

Throughout 2021 the Trustees met on three occasions via Zoom in order to consider and fulfil the business of the Charity.

Of the nine appointed Trustees: Seven Trustees attended three meetings, two Trustees attended two meetings, the Executive Officer attended three meetings.

Prior to the November Meeting Mr Peter Butler, Nominative Trustee of the Congregational Federation and Revd Stephen Dunning, Nominative Trustee by the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches, both informed the Executive Officer that they had resigned as Trustees.

The Trustees were disappointed that the unresolved situation regarding the apparent gifting of land and buildings and the distribution of funds from a church in Yorkshire which closed in 2019, still had no satisfactory explanation from the Charity Commission at the end of 2021. During the year, the Commission concluded their investigation of the actions of the Trustees of both the church and the charity in question who were gifted the land and buildings but were unable to share their conclusions

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with the Trustees of the UCCC. The UCCC Trustees asked the Charity Commission for details of their decision under a Freedom of Information application, this was refused due to the fact that their decision was not considered to be in the public interest. The UCCC applied to the Commission for an internal investigation to review how their decision was arrived at, however the Trustees had not received a reply by December 2021. In addition, the Trustees asked the Executive Officer to write to the church's local Member of Parliament to ask for his guidance and advice, by the end of December 2021 the Executive Officer had not received a reply. Note, the Executive Officer wrote again in January 2022, but as this report was being prepared at the end of February there was no reply to either letter.

Another church, located in Wiltshire, which closed in December 2019, has been unable to locate any Title Deeds and so is not able to dispose of the land and property. The Congregational Federation Ltd has agreed to be appointed as Custodian Trustees for the process of disposal. The Executive Officer is trying to work with the Charity Commission to resolve the present situation as the only remaining church member when the church closed is now in her 90s and the disposal process is proving to be problematic. This is an ongoing situation which may take some time to resolve.

The concern for a church in Gloucestershire expressed in the 2020 Annual Report was eased during the year as further contact was established and arrangements for a visit by the Executive Officer and at least one other Trustee would be possible during the first half of 2022. The object of the meeting will be to meet church members and deacons with the aim of looking at future proposals for developing the work of the church.

During the year the Trustees agreed that the UCCC should become members of the Ministerial Counselling Service for a year. The counselling service is available to all ministers of the listed churches of the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities.

At the March Trustees Meeting, Mr Roy Alp informed the Trustees that he was not be seeking re-election as Chairman and Mrs Linda Perry was unanimously elected to become Chair of Trustees. At the June Meeting Mr Alp confirmed that he would not be seeking re-election to the board when his present term of office came to an end in December 2021. Mr Alp became a Co-optative Trustee in 2012 and Chair of Trustees in 2018 following the sudden and untimely death of the then Chairman Mr Graham Holmes. The Trustees warmly thanked Roy for his thoughtful and considered work as a Trustee and for the way in which he took over as Chairman in 2018 at what was a difficult time for the Trustees and for the way he has carried out his role as Chairman of the UCCC.

During the year the Trustees were informed of two other listed UCCC churches had failed to reopen following the easing of the Coronavirus restrictions for places of worship. One church in South Wales, the other in Market Drayton, Shropshire. The Congregational Federation Ltd acts as Custodian Trustees for both these churches and will be given every co-operation by the Trustees in their task of disposing of the land and property.

Following a question from a listed UCCC church about affiliation to other bodies, the Trustees once again discussed their interpretation of the definition of an Unaffiliated Church and concluded that it was very much in line with previous advice from the Charity Commission and the original governing document.

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For the foreseeable future the Trustees agreed that the March and November Trustee Meetings should continue to be held on-line but, if possible, the June Meeting, which incorporates the review and acceptance of the Annual Accounts should be held in person.

Details of grants awarded by the Trustees and other activities of the charity are outlined elsewhere in this report.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Nature of governing document

The Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities came into being to enable churches that remained independent and did not join either the Congregational Federation or the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches to receive a fair allocation of the assets of the former Congregational Church in England and Wales, 32 County Union Incorporated Bodies and other apportionable funds. The restrictions to the various funds are laid down in the governing instruments.

The original Charities were founded by the creation of trust funds under a Charity Commission scheme dated 4th January 1977 and in the Charity Commission Scheme the expression "Unaffiliated Congregational Churches" means:

- a) Congregational Churches which were in membership with the former Congregational Church in England and Wales or were members of the Congregational Union of England and Wales in the year 1966 and which on the 31st December 1975 were not member churches of the Congregational Federation or of an Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches and
- b) Congregational Churches in England and Wales formed after 5th October 1972 which are not members of the Congregational Federation or of an Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches.

Further charities were created by a succession of Charity Commission schemes from 1980 onwards. In August 2008 the Charity Commission approved a new scheme, which amalgamated all the County Union Funds into the 7 main funds of the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities.

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Charity has nine Trustees of which six are Nominative Trustees: three by the Committee of the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches (EFCC) and three the Council of the Congregational Federation (CF). These Trustees are nominated for a period of four years on the basis of providing a wide range of skills and experience that will add to and enhance the Charity's existing skill base.

The remaining three Trustees are co-opted by ballot of all the listed Unaffiliated Churches for a period of five years. When a vacancy arises all such churches are contacted and given a specified date by which to submit names of suitable candidates to the Revd Frank Wroe, the Executive Officer. A profile of each candidate is then obtained and circulated to each listed Unaffiliated Church to enable each church to elect a new Trustee by way of ballot.

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At the end of their term the Trustees representing the Unaffiliated Churches are required to confirm whether they wish to continue to act or not. If they express a wish to continue this is ratified by the other serving Trustees at the next scheduled Trustees' Meeting. If they do not wish to continue the process of recruiting a new Trustee begins again.

Induction and training of new Trustees

Most Trustees will already be familiar with the practical work of the Charity and they are encouraged to read a copy of the Charity's Handbook as well as being provided with copies of minutes of Trustee meetings for the past year.

All new Trustees are provided with details of "CC3—The Essential Trustee: What you need to know" access from the Charity Commission website. This document provides guidance to all Trustees, and those who are about to become Trustees, on what is involved in being a charity trustee.

Prospective new Trustees are also encouraged to attend Trustees' meetings as an observer prior to them being appointed as a Trustee. This is designed to give a practical insight into the issues that arise during such meetings and to introduce them to other Trustees.

Organisational structure

Staff

The Charity has no full time staff but does employ a part-time Executive Officer. Revd Frank Wroe continued in the position of Executive Officer of the Charity and works an average of three days per week for the Charity.

Trustees

Mrs L. Perry was elected by the Trustee Board to serve as Chair of Trustees for 2021.
Dr D L James was elected by the Trustee Board to serve as Secretary for 2021.

Major risks and management of those risks

Investments

The Charity has no property other than its Stock Market investments. These investments are held in four charity investment funds, each with a wide spread portfolio of holdings. The funds comprise a roughly equal split between fixed interest and equity funds, with a slight bias towards equities, and they provide a regular quarterly income to the Charity of around 5% per annum. The Trustees undertake periodic reviews of the Charity's investments and in January 2019 they were informed by

CCLA that their instructions to move the existing funds from the CCLA Fixed Interest Investments into the CCLA Ethical Investment Fund had been completed. The review of investments held by M&G Investments is ongoing and further changes are likely to be made in the future.

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Policy on control of fraud

The Trustees have an agreed policy of continuing to use professional charity experienced accountants to audit the Charity's accounts in order to ensure that they remain in line with the Charity Commission accounting and reporting standards.

The policy will ensure that any loan repayments to the Charity are paid in full and within the agreed time scales. This is achieved by the Trustees, through the Executive Officer, obtaining a detailed analysis of income and expenditure, including outstanding and paid loans at each Trustee Meeting.

Financial Review

Incoming resources amounted to £96,983. This is an increase of £4,395 on the previous year, which relates solely to investment income.

Resources expended amounted to £105,537, an increase of £7,345 on the previous year. Grants have increased by £11,189, management and administrative costs have fallen due to less office expenses and lower solicitors costs.

This has resulted in a net deficit of £8,554 (2020 £5,604) prior to investment revaluation. The market value of the investments at the year end have increased by £290,111 resulting in an overall surplus for the year of £281,557 (2020 deficit of £71,876).

Total funds carried forward were £2,978,894 (2020 £2,697,337), split £863,200 (2020 £778,198) unrestricted, £760,147 (2020 £706,710) restricted and £1,355,547 (2020 £1,212,429) endowment.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects and aims

To support through grants and low-cost interest loans, personal contact, and encouragement where possible the listed Unaffiliated Congregational Churches, their members, serving ministers, and, where appropriate, retired ministers or their widows or widowers.

Public benefit

The Charity has seven specific funds that allow the Trustees to distribute its income in the form of grants and/or loans where necessary to assist and maintain ministry in individual churches and to assist with the relief of hardship for retired ministers or their widows and widowers. Other areas of assistance include grants for the education of ministers, their children, and students training for the ministry.

Grants and loans are also available to churches for repairs and the ongoing maintenance of buildings or expansion of church buildings and assistance to comply with legal building requirements in order to meet current building legislation. Where appropriate, grants for regeneration are also considered to assist churches on the point of closure to remain open.

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Churches are invited to apply to the Trustees for support by completing an application form, which gives the Trustees specific details of the assistance required by the church. This application will usually be accompanied by two years audited accounts of the church and, in the case of building work, two or three estimates from different builders to support the application. In the case of a grant for maintenance of the ministry or additional ministerial training the minister must possess a clear and current Criminal Record Disclosure Certificate.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission of England and Wales.

Grant making policies

The Charity's main objective is to assist churches and individuals with grants as made from appropriate funds.

During 2021 the UCCC Trustees made the following grants to 7 UCCC listed churches and 28 individuals were assisted through grants. In addition, the Congregational History Society, the Congregational Partnership Ltd, the Congregational Federation Ltd, the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches Trust Corporation Ltd, with grants.

The grants and loan were made from the Charity's Funds:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
• General Purposes Fund	£ 24,500
• Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	£ 22,351
• Ministerial Training Fund	£ -
• Church Extension Fund	£ 7,000
• Welfare Fund	£ 4,000
• Homes for retired Ministers Fund	£ 11,868
• Education Fund	£ 1,320
• Sydney Berry Trust	<u>£ 4,856</u>
Total	<u>£ 75,895</u>

The Trustees awarded the grants in the following ways:

- Grants totalling £1,320 from the Education Fund were awarded to each of 11 children of 5 ministers to assist with their education.
- The Charity was able to assist 4 churches in various parts of the country with the grants totalling £27,000 for various types of building work: The repair, extension, and improvement of water supply to a church hall kitchen and toilets; repairs to church boundary wall and railings; church roof repairs; assistance with tree and church yard maintenance; continuation of general building improvements to prevent water ingress.
These 4 grants came from both the General Purposes and the Church Extension Funds.

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- 3 churches received grants totalling £22,351 for the support of minister's stipends from the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund.
- £1,000 from the General Purposes Fund was awarded to the Congregational History Society to assist with the administration costs of the Society.
- Payments totalling £4,856 were made from the Dr Sydney Berry Trust to 4 retired ministers and the widows of 3 retired ministers of Unaffiliated Churches.
- Grants totalling £11,868 were awarded from the Homes for Retired Ministers Fund to assist 4 retired ministers and the widows of 4 retired ministers of Unaffiliated Churches, with the payment of Council Tax & Water Rate demands.
- Grants totalling £4,000 for the relief of hardship were made to 4 retired ministers and the widows of 4 former retired ministers of Unaffiliated Churches, which came from the Welfare Fund. One cheque was not presented until 2022.
- Grants totalling £1,375 were awarded to 11 ministers and pastors of Unaffiliated Congregational Churches (£125 each) these came from the General Purposes Fund with the specific aim of purchasing theological books for their own personal library.
- The Trustees made a grant to each of the 3 Congregational Trust Companies, totalling £2,125 this came from the General Purposes Fund. These companies act as Custodian Trustees to 17 UCCC listed churches. This figure includes £360 for one Trust Company which did not clear their cheque during 2020.

Loans

From time to time the Charity is able to make low-cost interest loans to churches, to be repaid over a set period of 2, 3 or 5 years, or longer if required, to assist with ongoing repairs or renovations to church property.

The Trustees did not make any loans during 2021 and there were no outstanding loans due for repayment in the year.

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Charitable commitments

As part of the policy of continually reviewing all the regular grants, as outlined in the Report of the Trustees the following grant structure for Maintenance of the Ministry, Welfare and various other regular grants is in place. These future grants have been notified to the churches and individuals concerned and with the exception of the grants from Dr Sydney Berry Trust for retired ministers and retired minister's widows, which have not been guaranteed.

Year	£
2022	48,238
2023	32,500
2024	37,933

Financial instruments

Objectives and policies

The Charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk.

Cash flow risk

The Charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in interest rates. Interest bearing assets are held at fixed rate to ensure certainty of cash flows.

Credit risk

The Charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and investments. The credit risk on liquid funds is limited because the counterparties are banks and high credit ratings by international credit-rating agencies.

The Charity has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a number of counterparties.

Liquidity risk

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the Charity uses investments in charity-managed funds and deposits which are reviewed on a regular basis.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2021

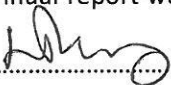
Disclosure of information to auditor

Each Trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a Trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Charity's auditor are aware of that information. The Trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

Reappointment of auditor

The auditors Horsfield & Smith are deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the Trustees of the Charity on ~~22-6-22~~ and signed on its behalf by:


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Mrs L. Perry
Chairman

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021


The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 22-6-22 and signed on its behalf by:

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Mrs L Perry
Trustee



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2021, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (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 2021 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been 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 responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements 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 twelve months from when the original financial statements were 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 annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.



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In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements 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 financial statements 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

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

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:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities (set out on page 11), the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, 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 financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements 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 financial statements.



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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:

The extent to which 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 focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity; and
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations through making enquiries of management.

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

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considered 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.

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 those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management 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 is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.



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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the trustees those matters we are required to state to trustees in an auditors' 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 its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Appointment

Horsfield & Smith is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Horsfield & Smith, Statutory Auditor

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22 June 2022

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2021 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Investment income	2	27,538	21,473	45,502	94,513
Other income	3	<u>2,387</u>	<u>83</u>	-	<u>2,470</u>
Total Income		<u>29,925</u>	<u>21,556</u>	<u>45,502</u>	<u>96,983</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	4	(12,629)	(11,468)	-	(24,097)
Charitable activities	5	<u>(32,262)</u>	<u>(49,178)</u>	-	<u>(81,440)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(44,891)</u>	<u>(60,646)</u>	-	<u>(105,537)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		(14,966)	(39,090)	45,502	(8,554)
Gains/losses on investment assets		82,578	64,415	143,118	290,111
Gross transfers between funds		<u>17,390</u>	<u>28,112</u>	<u>(45,502)</u>	-
Net movement in funds		85,002	53,437	143,118	281,557
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>778,198</u>	<u>706,710</u>	<u>1,212,429</u>	<u>2,697,337</u>
Total funds carried forward	16	<u><u>863,200</u></u>	<u><u>760,147</u></u>	<u><u>1,355,547</u></u>	<u><u>2,978,894</u></u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Prior year Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total 2020 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Investment income	2	26,372	20,486	43,262	90,120
Other income		<u>2,387</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,468</u>
Total Income		<u>28,759</u>	<u>20,567</u>	<u>43,262</u>	<u>92,588</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		(14,870)	(13,376)	-	(28,246)
Charitable activities		<u>(29,315)</u>	<u>(40,631)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(69,946)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(44,185)</u>	<u>(54,007)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(98,192)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		(15,426)	(33,440)	43,262	(5,604)
Gains/losses on investment assets		(18,796)	(14,661)	(32,815)	(66,272)
Gross transfers between funds		<u>10,108</u>	<u>33,154</u>	<u>(43,262)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(24,114)	(14,947)	(32,815)	(71,876)
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>802,312</u>	<u>721,657</u>	<u>1,245,244</u>	<u>2,769,213</u>
Total funds carried forward	16	<u><u>778,198</u></u>	<u><u>706,710</u></u>	<u><u>1,212,429</u></u>	<u><u>2,697,337</u></u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

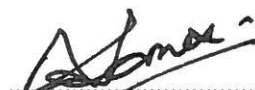
The funds breakdown for 2020 is shown in note 16.

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BALANCE SHEET 31 DECEMBER 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	13	2,818,601	2,528,490
Current assets			
Debtors	14	57,491	57,450
Cash at bank and in hand	19	<u>108,545</u>	<u>117,446</u>
		166,036	174,896
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(5,743)</u>	<u>(6,049)</u>
Net current assets		<u>160,293</u>	<u>168,847</u>
Net assets		<u>2,978,894</u>	<u>2,697,337</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Endowment funds		1,355,547	1,212,429
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		760,147	706,710
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>863,200</u>	<u>778,198</u>
Total funds	16	<u>2,978,894</u>	<u>2,697,337</u>

The financial statements on pages 16 to 36 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on ~~22.6.22~~ and signed on their behalf by:


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Dr D L James
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following 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 16th July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern

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

Income and endowments

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations and legacies

Cash donations, gifts, legacies and grants are accounted for in full as they are received. The value of voluntary help is not included in the accounts.

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YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

Investment income

Bank interest is accounted for on receipt. Other investment income is accounted for when receivable.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources. The irrecoverable element of VAT is included within the item of expense to which it relates. Grants offered subject to conditions, which have not been met at the year end date, are noted as commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in the management of investments.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the Charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

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Debtors

Are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of is established when there is objective evidence that they will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the Charity. Income from those assets may be used to support the objectives of the Charity.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs),

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the Charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the Charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the Charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

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2 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds Expendable £	Total funds £
Interest receivable and similar income;				
Interest receivable on bank deposits	12	-	-	12
Other income from fixed asset investments	<u>27,526</u>	<u>21,473</u>	<u>45,502</u>	<u>94,501</u>
Total for 2021	<u><u>27,538</u></u>	<u><u>21,473</u></u>	<u><u>45,502</u></u>	<u><u>94,513</u></u>
Total for 2020	<u><u>26,372</u></u>	<u><u>20,486</u></u>	<u><u>43,262</u></u>	<u><u>90,120</u></u>

3 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Other income	1,500	83	1,583
Rental income	<u>887</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>887</u>
Total for 2021	<u><u>2,387</u></u>	<u><u>83</u></u>	<u><u>2,470</u></u>
Total for 2020	<u><u>2,387</u></u>	<u><u>81</u></u>	<u><u>2,468</u></u>

4 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Administrative costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Staff Costs	11,394	10,347	21,741
Administrative expenses	<u>1,235</u>	<u>1,121</u>	<u>2,356</u>
Total for 2021	<u><u>12,629</u></u>	<u><u>11,468</u></u>	<u><u>24,097</u></u>
Total for 2020	<u><u>14,870</u></u>	<u><u>13,376</u></u>	<u><u>28,246</u></u>

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5 Expenditure on charitable activities

		Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Grant funding of activities		29,356	46,539	75,895
Governance costs	6	<u>2,906</u>	<u>2,639</u>	<u>5,545</u>
Total for 2021		<u><u>32,262</u></u>	<u><u>49,178</u></u>	<u><u>81,440</u></u>
Total for 2020		<u><u>29,315</u></u>	<u><u>40,631</u></u>	<u><u>69,946</u></u>

6 Analysis of governance and support costs

Raising funds expenditure

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Audit fees			
Audit of the financial statements	1,376	1,249	2,625
Other fees paid to auditors	<u>1,530</u>	<u>1,390</u>	<u>2,920</u>
Total for 2021	<u><u>2,906</u></u>	<u><u>2,639</u></u>	<u><u>5,545</u></u>
Total for 2020	<u><u>2,759</u></u>	<u><u>2,481</u></u>	<u><u>5,240</u></u>

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7 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

	Grants to institutions		Grants to individuals	
	2021	2020	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Analysis				
General Purposes	23,125	20,075	6,231	6,481
Maintenance of the Ministry	22,351	16,854	-	-
Church Extension	7,000	4,000	-	-
Homes for Retired Ministers	-	-	11,868	11,736
Welfare	-	-	4,000	4,000
Education	-	-	1,320	1,560
	<u>52,476</u>	<u>40,929</u>	<u>23,419</u>	<u>23,777</u>

8 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net outgoing resources for the year include:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Audit fees	<u>2,625</u>	<u>2,500</u>

9 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

£103 (2020: £725) of expenses were reimbursed to the trustees during the year.

During the year nine trustees were paid expenses in relation to reimbursed meeting expenses.

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

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10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	19,765	19,554
Pension costs	1,976	1,955
	<u>21,741</u>	<u>21,509</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management / leadership team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2021 No	2020 No
Executive officer	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

11 Auditors' remuneration

	2021 £	2020 £
Audit of the financial statements	<u>2,625</u>	<u>2,500</u>
Other fees to auditors		
All other non-audit services	<u>2,920</u>	<u>2,740</u>

12 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2021

13 Fixed asset investments

	2021	2020
	£	£
Other investments	<u>2,818,601</u>	<u>2,528,490</u>

Other investments

	Fixed interest investments £	Managed funds £	Total £
Cost or Valuation			
At 1 January 2021	1,013,798	1,514,692	2,528,490
Revaluation	<u>81,523</u>	<u>208,588</u>	<u>290,111</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>1,095,321</u>	<u>1,723,280</u>	<u>2,818,601</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2021	<u>1,095,321</u>	<u>1,723,280</u>	<u>2,818,601</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>1,013,798</u>	<u>1,514,692</u>	<u>2,528,490</u>

Analysis of investments at 31 December 2021 between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £	Total Funds 2020 £
Listed and other investments					
Fixed interest investments	294,190	229,490	571,641	1,095,321	1,013,798
Managed funds	<u>527,715</u>	<u>411,659</u>	<u>783,906</u>	<u>1,723,280</u>	<u>1,514,692</u>
	<u>821,905</u>	<u>641,149</u>	<u>1,355,547</u>	<u>2,818,601</u>	<u>2,528,490</u>

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The investments representing more than 5% of the total value are as follows:

	Endowed			Expendable		
	Units	Market Value	%	Units	Market Value	%
Charinco Income Units	55354.057	101,686	3.6	82708.374	151,935	5.3
COIF Income Units	17231.700	354,394	12.6	23674.980	486,909	17.3
Charifund Units	27600.000	429,511	15.2	29074.909	452,464	16.1
COIF Ethical Investment Units	150164.920	469,956	16.7	118783.990	371,746	13.2
		<u>1,355,547</u>			<u>1,463,054</u>	

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14 Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments	200	200
Other debtors	41	-
Amounts falling due after more than one year: Interest in property	17,250	17,250
Amounts falling due after more than one year: Loans to churches	<u>40,000</u>	<u>40,000</u>
	<u>57,491</u>	<u>57,450</u>

The interest in property figure includes loans to two churches made on the following basis:

In March 1992 a loan was made to the Congregational Federation Limited to purchase the freehold reversion of Bethania, Tredegar, amounting to £6,250. This represented 13% of the value of the building at that time. Repayment of the loan will be made in the event of the church closing with 13% of the sale price.

Also in March 1992, a loan was made to the Congregational Federation Limited to purchase the freehold reversion of Bethesda, Brynmawr, amounting to £11,000. This loan represented 22% of the value of the building at that time. Repayment of the loan will be expected if and when the church is sold with 22% of the sale price.

Loans to churches carry an interest rate set by the Trustees. All such loans are considered recoverable.

In November 2016 the trustees agreed a loan of £25,000 to the Union Croft Chapel. This loan will only be repayable in the event of the closure of the chapel or if the pastor leaves the chapel.

In November 2017 the trustees agreed a loan of £5,000 per year for three years, starting in 2018, to Bethania Congregational Church. If the church closed within that three year period any loans made would have to be paid back in full from the sale proceeds of the church, otherwise the loans would be reviewed again after three years.

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Other taxation and social security	-	571
Accruals	<u>5,743</u>	<u>5,478</u>
	<u>5,743</u>	<u>6,049</u>

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16 Funds	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2021 £
Unrestricted funds						
General purpose	778,198	29,925	(44,891)	17,390	82,578	863,200
Total unrestricted funds	778,198	29,925	(44,891)	17,390	82,578	863,200
Restricted funds						
Maintenance of ministry	-	2,879	(22,351)	10,834	8,638	-
Ministerial training	219,645	2,788	(4,383)	10,164	8,364	236,578
Church extension	252,726	8,280	(12,045)	1,751	24,839	275,551
Homes for retired ministers	211,464	6,226	(16,090)	3,613	18,427	223,640
Welfare	22,875	1,284	(4,457)	826	3,850	24,378
Education	-	99	(1,320)	924	297	-
Total restricted funds	706,710	21,556	(60,646)	28,112	64,415	760,147
Endowment funds						
Permanent						
General purpose	717,184	26,915	-	(26,915)	84,658	801,842
Maintenance of ministry	51,075	1,917	-	(1,917)	6,029	57,104
Ministerial training	270,830	10,164	-	(10,164)	31,969	302,799
Church extension	46,648	1,751	-	(1,751)	5,507	52,155

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	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2021 £
Homes for retired ministers	96,271	3,613	-	(3,613)	11,364	107,635
Welfare	22,008	826	-	(826)	2,598	24,606
Education	8,413	316	-	(316)	993	9,406
Total endowment funds	1,212,429	45,502	-	(45,502)	143,118	1,355,547
Total funds	2,697,337	96,983	(105,537)	-	290,111	2,978,894
	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2020 £
Unrestricted funds						
General purpose	802,312	28,759	(44,185)	10,108	(18,796)	778,198
Total unrestricted funds	802,312	28,759	(44,185)	10,108	(18,796)	778,198
Restricted funds						
Maintenance of ministry	-	2,747	(16,854)	16,073	(1,966)	-
Ministerial training	213,926	2,660	(4,701)	9,664	(1,904)	219,645
Church extension	258,496	7,899	(9,679)	1,664	(5,654)	252,726
Homes for retired ministers	222,916	5,942	(16,635)	3,435	(4,194)	211,464
Welfare	26,319	1,225	(4,578)	785	(876)	22,875
Education	-	94	(1,560)	1,533	(67)	-

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	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2020 £
Total restricted funds	<u>721,657</u>	<u>20,567</u>	<u>(54,007)</u>	<u>33,154</u>	<u>(14,661)</u>	<u>706,710</u>
Endowment funds						
<i>Permanent</i>						
General purpose	736,595	25,591	-	(25,591)	(19,411)	717,184
Maintenance of ministry	52,457	1,823	-	(1,823)	(1,382)	51,075
Ministerial training	278,160	9,664	-	(9,664)	(7,330)	270,830
Church extension	47,911	1,664	-	(1,664)	(1,263)	46,648
Homes for retired ministers	98,877	3,435	-	(3,435)	(2,606)	96,271
Welfare	22,604	785	-	(785)	(596)	22,008
Education	8,640	300	-	(300)	(227)	8,413
Total endowment funds	<u>1,245,244</u>	<u>43,262</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(43,262)</u>	<u>(32,815)</u>	<u>1,212,429</u>
Total funds	<u>2,769,213</u>	<u>92,588</u>	<u>(98,192)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(66,272)</u>	<u>2,697,337</u>

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

Maintenance of the Ministry - Income is used for grants to Unaffiliated Congregational Churches or otherwise for maintaining ministry within a Congregational Church.

Ministerial Training - Income is used for training men and women for the ministry of the Congregational Denomination.

Church Extension - For the use of the upkeep and repair of property, and the services it provides, of an Unaffiliated Congregational Church. In addition the fund may be used for the extension of existing buildings and in the provision or construction of buildings to be used as a Congregational Church or for residences of ministers of Unaffiliated Congregational Churches.

Homes for Retired Ministers - Income from this fund is to be used to provide accommodation for retired ministers and their widows/widowers in retirement.

Welfare - For use in the relief of need among ministers and their dependents by way of grants 'or otherwise'.

Education - To be used for the benefit of the children of the minister of an Unaffiliated Congregational Church.

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17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds at 31 December 2021 £
Fixed asset investments	821,905	641,149	1,355,547	2,818,601
Current assets	47,038	118,998	-	166,036
Current liabilities	(5,743)	-	-	(5,743)
Total net assets	<u>863,200</u>	<u>760,147</u>	<u>1,355,547</u>	<u>2,978,894</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds Expendable £	Total funds at 31 December 2020 £
Fixed asset investments	739,327	576,734	1,212,429	2,528,490
Current assets	44,920	129,976	-	174,896
Current liabilities	(6,049)	-	-	(6,049)
Total net assets	<u>778,198</u>	<u>706,710</u>	<u>1,212,429</u>	<u>2,697,337</u>

18 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 January 2021 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 December 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>117,446</u>	<u>(8,901)</u>	<u>108,545</u>
Net debt	<u>117,446</u>	<u>(8,901)</u>	<u>108,545</u>
	At 1 January 2020 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 December 2020 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>128,040</u>	<u>(10,594)</u>	<u>117,446</u>
Net debt	<u>128,040</u>	<u>(10,594)</u>	<u>117,446</u>

19 Cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash on hand	140	160
Cash at bank	<u>108,405</u>	<u>117,286</u>
	<u>108,545</u>	<u>117,446</u>

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20 Financial instruments

Categorisation of financial instruments

	2021	2020
	£	£
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	2,818,601	2,528,490
Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	27,291	57,250
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	5,743	6,049

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21 Related party transactions

Congregational History Society Grant: The Reverend Chris Damp, Treasurer of the Society and Dr Digby James, printer for the Society took no part in the discussion or the decision to award the grant to the Congregational History Society.

As Minister of Bradley Congregational Church Pastor Mike Valentine took no part in the discussion or the decision to award the book grant to UCCC ministers. Pastor Valentine requested that he did not personally receive the grant.

Custodian Trustee Grants awarded to the Trust Bodies of: Congregational Federation Ltd, the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches Trust Corporation Ltd and the Congregational Partnership Ltd. The Nominative Trustees from each group took no part in the discussion or the decision to award a Custodian Trustee Grant for their particular group.

Accounts

Charity registration number: 273854

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

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Registered charity name	Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities
Charity number	273854
Principal office	678 Ripponden Road Moorside Oldham OL4 2LP
Trustees	Mr R J Alp Mrs L Perry Pastor M J Valentine Mr P Butler Revd C Damp Mr D M Tucker Revd G M Evans Revd W Harrow (resignation 11 March 2020) Dr D L James Revd S Dunning (appointed 11 March 2020)
Executive Officer	Revd F Wroe
Bankers	National Westminster Bank plc 16 South Parade Nottingham NG1 2JX
Solicitors	Anthony Collins Solicitors 134 Edmond Street Birmingham B3 3ES
Auditors	Horsfield & Smith Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor Tower House 269 Walmersley Road Bury Lancashire BL9 6NX

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TRUSTEES' REPORT YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

The Trustees present their Report and the Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ended 31st December 2020.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in the notes to the accounts and comply with the Charity governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland published on 16 July 2014.

THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees who served the Charity during the period 1st January to 31st December 2020 were as follows:

Elected by the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches (UCC)

Mr R Alp (Honorary Chair of Trustees to March 2021)

Mrs Linda Perry (Honorary Chair of Trustees from March 2021)

Pastor M J Valentine

Nominative Trustees from the Congregational Federation (CF)

Mr P Butler

Revd C Damp

Mr M Tucker

Nominative Trustees from the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches (EFCC)

Dr D L James (Honorary Secretary of Trustees)

Reverend Gwynne Evans

Reverend Stephen Dunning (Appointed March 2020)

Achievements and performance

2020 proved to be a difficult year due to the emerging coronavirus pandemic. Following a national lockdown imposed in March places of worship were only permitted to open under the strictest controlled conditions for private prayer only, a large number of churches took the decision to close for the period of lockdown. The majority of churches attempted to maintain contact with members and friends in many different ways, using Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Zoom and other electronic means as well as using written material. The national restrictions meant that the Trustees were only able to physically meet on one occasion during 2020, which was in March just a week before the national lockdown was imposed. Throughout the year the Trustees met on a further three occasions; in May via a telephone conference and in June and November via Zoom. These virtual meetings were necessary because either local or national travel restrictions, social distancing, venue availability and restrictions for numbers of people permitted to meet were in force.

On all four occasions the Trustees were able to consider the general business of the Charity including, grant applications from listed churches and individuals connected to listed churches. In addition at the additional telephone conference meeting in May the Trustees discuss proposed emergency grants for churches that had been instructed to close because of the developing pandemic.

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Details of the awards made and the activity of the Charity are outlined elsewhere in this report.

Of the nine appointed Trustees:

Eight Trustees attended four meetings

One Trustee attended three meetings.

The Executive Officer attended all four meetings.

At the first Trustee meeting of the year in March, the Revd Stephen Dunning was welcomed to the board as a Nominative Trustee by the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches.

As the Trustees met in early March the country and the world were generally unaware of the unfolding pandemic that would, within two weeks of their meeting, bring almost the whole country to a standstill as a national lockdown was imposed and consequently prevent them from physically meeting again during 2020.

In May the Trustees held a telephone conference to discuss how the developing pandemic had resulted in movement restrictions and the enforced closure of all Places of Worship other than for private prayer, would have an effect on church income. It was decided to offer all churches a one off grant of £500.00 using simplified grant application forms for this one grant only. Many of the listed churches contacted the Executive Officer to thank the Trustees for the offer of assistance and declined their generous offer, four churches applied and were awarded the £500.00 grant.

The June and November Trustee Meetings were held via Zoom.

At their meetings the Trustees continued to discuss the benefits of amalgamating the Ministerial Training and the Maintenance of the Ministry Funds, with the aim of making better use of both funds in supporting ministry in UCCC Churches. Following an exchange of correspondence with the Charity Commission it is clear that any amalgamation of funds is not going to be straightforward and so discussions with the Charity Commission continue to determine the simplest way of achieving an amalgamation.

In June 2019 The UCCC received a cheque from the Church Trustees of a closed UCCC church in Yorkshire. The UCCC Trustees were concerned that the church had been closed and that the Church Trustees appear to have gifted the church buildings and land to a local Charity Trust. In addition the bulk of the remaining assets have been evenly distributed four ways between the UCCC and three local Methodist Churches, with the remaining money given to other local and national charities. The actions of the Church Trustees were brought to the attention of the Charity Commission by the UCCC Trustees and in June 2020 the matter was still ongoing. At that point the Charity Commission confirmed that once they have conducted and concluded their investigation into the actions of the Church Trustees they will report back to the UCCC Trustees. In December 2020 the Charity Commission informed the UCCC Trustees that investigations with the Church Trustees were still in progress.

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In May 2020 the Trustees were informed that a UCCC listed church in Wiltshire had closed in December 2019. There are no Trust Deeds and ownership of the buildings and land by any party is proving difficult to determine. The UCCC Trustees are working closely with one of the remaining former members of the church, our own solicitor and the solicitor of the former Wiltshire and East Somerset County Congregational Union. As yet this situation is ongoing but slow moving and little progress has been made and because of the ongoing pandemic, contacting people is difficult because offices are closed or only open for short periods each day or each week. This has made tracing the whereabouts of any records and deeds belonging to this church extremely difficult.

The Trustees were concerned about a UCCC church in Gloucestershire that appeared to be coming under pressure from an Independent Church Trust Company, which does not hold Congregational Principals, to become appointed as Custodian Trustee to the church. The terms of appointment offered were that the Trust Company required the church to gift all their assets to the Trust Company in return for their services as Custodian Trustee. The church has refused to comply and has been assured of the continuing and ongoing support by both the Congregational Federation Ltd, their current Custodian Trustee and the Trustees of the UCCC.

Throughout the year it became increasingly obvious that the ongoing pandemic will mean that churches will be unable to fully open and operate to their full potential for some time to come. The Trustees were concerned what long and short term effects and difficulties these ongoing restrictions could have on ministers and church leaders as they attempt to maintain a ministry to their fellowships under what for most are very difficult conditions. The Executive Officer was asked to make enquires about the possibilities of registering the UCCC with a Ministerial Counselling Service in order to make their services available to ministers, church leaders. These enquires were ongoing as the year ended.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Nature of governing document

The Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities came into being to enable churches that remained independent and did not join either the Congregational Federation or the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches to receive a fair allocation of the assets of the former Congregational Church in England and Wales, 32 County Union Incorporated Bodies and other apportionable funds. The restrictions to the various funds are laid down in the governing instruments.

The original Charities were founded by the creation of trust funds under a Charity Commission scheme dated 4th January 1977 and in the Charity Commission Scheme the expression "Unaffiliated Congregational Churches" means:

- a) Congregational Churches which were in membership with the former Congregational Church in England and Wales or were members of the Congregational Union of England and Wales in the year 1966 and which on the 31st December 1975 were not member churches of the Congregational Federation or of an Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches and
 - b) Congregational Churches in England and Wales formed after 5th October 1972 which are not members of the Congregational Federation or of an Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches.
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Further charities were created by a succession of Charity Commission schemes from 1980 onwards. In August 2008 the Charity Commission approved a new scheme, which amalgamated all the County Union Funds into the 7 main funds of the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities.

Recruitment and appointment of new Trustees

The Charity has nine Trustees of which six are Nominative Trustees: three by the Committee of the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches (EFCC) and three the Council of the Congregational Federation (CF). These Trustees are nominated for a period of four years on the basis of providing a wide range of skills and experience that will add to and enhance the Charity's existing skill base.

The remaining three Trustees are co-opted by ballot of all the listed Unaffiliated Churches for a period of five years. When a vacancy arises all such churches are contacted and given a specified date by which to submit names of suitable candidates to the Revd Frank Wroe, the Executive Officer. A profile of each candidate is then obtained and circulated to each listed Unaffiliated Church to enable each church to elect a new Trustee by way of ballot.

At the end of their term the Trustees representing the Unaffiliated Churches are required to confirm whether they wish to continue to act or not. If they express a wish to continue this is ratified by the other serving Trustees at the next scheduled Trustees' Meeting. If they do not wish to continue the process of recruiting a new Trustee begins again.

Induction and training of new Trustees

Most Trustees will already be familiar with the practical work of the Charity and they are encouraged to read a copy of the Charity's Handbook as well as being provided with copies of minutes of Trustee meetings for the past year.

All new Trustees are provided with a copy of "CC3—The Essential Trustee: What you need to know" as obtained from the Charity Commission website. This document provides guidance to all Trustees, and those who are about to become Trustees, on what is involved in being a charity trustee.

Prospective new Trustees are also encouraged to attend Trustees' meetings as an observer prior to them being appointed as a Trustee. This is designed to give a practical insight into the issues that arise during such meetings and to introduce them to other Trustees.

Organisational structure

Staff

The Charity has no full time staff but does employ a part-time Executive Officer. Revd Frank Wroe continued in the position of Executive Officer of the Charity and works an average of three days per week for the Charity.

Trustees

Mr R. J. Alp was elected by the Trustee Board to serve as Chairman of Trustees for 2020.
Dr D L James was elected by the Trustee Board to serve as Secretary for 2020.

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Major risks and management of those risks

Investments

The Charity has no property other than its Stock Market investments. These investments are held in four charity investment funds, each with a wide spread portfolio of holdings. The funds comprise a roughly equal split between fixed interest and equity funds, with a slight bias towards equities, and they provide a regular quarterly income to the Charity of around 5% per annum. The Trustees undertake periodic reviews of the Charity's investments and in January 2019 they were informed by CCLA that their instructions to move the existing funds from the CCLA Fixed Interest Investments into the CCLA Ethical Investment Fund had been completed. The review of investments held by M&G Investments is ongoing and further changes are likely to be made in the future.

Policy on control of fraud

The Trustees have an agreed policy of continuing to use professional charity experienced accountants to audit the Charity's accounts in order to ensure that they remain in line with the Charity Commission accounting and reporting standards.

The policy will ensure that any loan repayments to the Charity are paid in full and within the agreed time scales. This is achieved by the Trustees, through the Executive Officer, obtaining a detailed analysis of income and expenditure, including outstanding and paid loans at each Trustee Meeting.

Financial Review

Incoming resources amounted to £92,588. This is a reduction of £18,883 on the previous year. There has been a £10,000 fall in income from investments compared to last year and last year there was a one-off receipt from the Zion Independent Congregational Church from the closing of their finance.

Resources expended amounted to £98,192, a reduction of £2,156 on the previous year. Grants have fallen slightly and office expenses have fallen, mainly in relation to trustee meeting expenses, which have been done online due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

This has resulted in a net deficit of £5,604 (2019 surplus £11,123) prior to investment revaluation. The market value of the investments at the year end have reduced by £66,272 resulting in an overall deficit for the year of £71,876.

Total funds carried forward were £2,697,337 (2019: £2,769,213), split £778,198 (2019: £803,312) unrestricted, £706,710 (2019: £721,657) restricted and £1,212,429 (2019: £1,245,244) endowment.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objects and aims

To support through grants and low cost interest loans, personal contact and encouragement where possible the listed Unaffiliated Congregational Churches, their members, serving ministers and where appropriate retired ministers or their widows or widowers.

Public benefit

The Charity has seven specific funds that allow the Trustees to distribute its income in the form of grants and/or loans where necessary to assist and maintain ministry in individual churches and to assist with the relief of hardship for retired ministers or their widows and widowers. Other areas of assistance include grants for the education of ministers, their children and students training for the ministry.

Grants and loans are also available to churches for repairs and the ongoing maintenance of buildings or expansion of church buildings and assistance to comply with legal building requirements in order to meet current building legislation. Where appropriate, grants for regeneration are also considered to assist churches on the point of closure to remain open.

Churches are invited to apply to the Trustees for support by completing an application form, which gives the Trustees specific details of the assistance required by the church. This application will usually be accompanied by two years audited accounts of the church and in the case of building work two or three estimates from different builders to support the application. In the case of a grant for maintenance of the ministry or additional ministerial training the minister must possess a clear and current Criminal Record Disclosure Certificate.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission of England and Wales.

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Grant making policies

The Charity's main objective is to assist churches and individuals with grants as made from appropriate funds.

During 2020 the UCCC Trustees made the following grants and loans, 14 to UCCC listed churches and 39 to individuals, as well as the Congregational History Society, the Congregational Partnership Ltd, the Congregational Federation Ltd, the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches Trust Corporation Ltd and Bunyan Meeting, a Congregational Federation Church.

The grants and loan were made from the Charity's Funds:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
• General Purposes Fund	£ 21,700
• Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	£ 16,854
• Ministerial Training Fund	£ -
• Church Extension Fund	£ 4,000
• Welfare Fund	£ 4,000
• Homes for retired Ministers Fund	£ 11,736
• Education Fund	£ 1,560
• Sydney Berry Trust	<u>£ 4,856</u>
Total	<u>£ 64,706</u>

The Trustees awarded the grants in the following ways:

- Grants totalling £1,560 from the Education Fund were awarded to each of 13 children of 5 ministers to assist with their education.
 - The Charity was able to assist 5 churches in various parts of the country with the grants totalling £19,035 for various types of building work: the maintenance and repair of church windows, one which required a specialist stained glass company, building survey in preparation for a building extension, the improvement of water supply to a church premises, the insurance of church buildings and the electrical rewiring of a church building and school hall.
These 5 grants came from both the Church Extension Fund and General Purpose Funds.
 - Grants totalling £2,000 were awarded to 4 churches (£500 each) in various parts of the country, as emergency grants
 - 2 churches received grants totalling £16,854 for the support of minister's stipends from the Maintenance of the Ministry Fund.
 - £1,000 from the General Purposes Fund was awarded to the Congregational History Society to assist with the administration costs of the Society.
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TRUSTEES' REPORT

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- Payments totalling £4,856 were made from the Dr Sydney Berry Trust to 4 retired ministers and the widows of 3 retired ministers of Unaffiliated Churches.
- Grants totalling £11,736 were awarded from the Homes for Retired Ministers Fund to assist 4 retired ministers and the widows of 4 retired ministers of Unaffiliated Churches, with the payment of Council Tax & Water Rate demands.
- Grants totalling £4,000 for the relief of hardship were made to 4 retired ministers and the widows of 4 former retired ministers of Unaffiliated Churches, which came from the Welfare Fund.
- Grants totalling £1,625 were awarded to 13 ministers and pastors of Unaffiliated Congregational Churches (£125 each) these came from the General Purposes Fund with the specific aim of purchasing theological books for their own personal library.
- The Trustees made a grant to each of the 3 Congregational Trust Companies, totalling £2,040 this came from the General Purposes Fund. These companies act as Custodian Trustees to 17 UCCC listed churches. One Trust company did not clear their cheque during 2020

Loans

From time to time the Charity is able to make low cost interest loans to churches, to be repaid over a set period of 2, 3 or 5 years or longer if required to assist with ongoing repairs or renovations to church property.

The trustees made a loan of £5,000 to one church during 2020, which came from the General Purposes Fund.

There were no outstanding loans due for repayment in the year.

Charitable commitments

As part of the policy of continually reviewing all the regular grants, as outlined in the Report of the Trustees the following grant structure for Maintenance of the Ministry, welfare and various other regular grants is in place. These future grants have been notified to the churches and individuals concerned and with the exception of the grants from Dr Sydney Berry Trust for retired ministers and retired minister's widows, which have not been guaranteed.

Year	£
2021	43,986
2022	30,571
2023	30,986

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Financial instruments

Objectives and policies

The Charity's activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk.

Cash flow risk

The Charity's activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in interest rates. Interest bearing assets are held at fixed rate to ensure certainty of cash flows.

Credit risk

The Charity's principal financial assets are bank balances and investments. The credit risk on liquid funds is limited because the counterparties are banks and high credit ratings by international credit-rating agencies.

The Charity has no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a number of counterparties.

Liquidity risk

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the Charity uses investments in charity-managed funds and deposits which are reviewed on a regular basis.

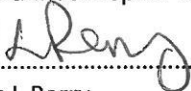
Disclosure of information to auditor

Each Trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a Trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Charity's auditor is aware of that information. The Trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

Reappointment of auditor

The auditors Horsfield & Smith are deemed to be reappointed under section 487(2) of the Companies Act 2006.

The annual report was approved by the Trustees of the Charity on 22/6/21 and signed on its behalf by:


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Mrs L Perry
Chair

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

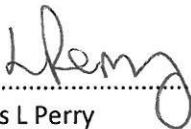
The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 22/6/21..... and signed on its behalf by:


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Mrs L Perry
Trustee



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2020, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (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 2020 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been 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 financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements 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 twelve months from when the original financial statements were 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 annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.



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In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements 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 financial statements 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

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

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:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities (set out on page 11), the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, 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 financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements 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 financial statements.



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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:

The extent to which 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 focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity; and
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations through making enquiries of management.

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

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considered 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.

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 those charged with governance; and
- enquiring of management 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 is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.



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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the trustees those matters we are required to state to trustees in an auditors' 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 its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Appointment

Horsfield & Smith is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Horsfield & Smith, Statutory Auditor

Tower House
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22 June 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
Income and Endowments from:						
Investment income	2	26,372	20,486	43,262	90,120	100,452
Other income	3	2,387	81	-	2,468	11,019
Total Income		28,759	20,567	43,262	92,588	111,471
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	4	(14,870)	(13,376)	-	(28,246)	(29,143)
Charitable activities	5	(29,315)	(40,631)	-	(69,946)	(71,205)
Total Expenditure		(44,185)	(54,007)	-	(98,192)	(100,348)
Net						
(expenditure)/income		(15,426)	(33,440)	43,262	(5,604)	11,123
Gains/losses on investment assets		(18,796)	(14,661)	(32,815)	(66,272)	342,997
Gross transfers between funds		10,108	33,154	(43,262)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(24,114)	(14,947)	(32,815)	(71,876)	354,120
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		802,312	721,657	1,245,244	2,769,213	2,415,093
Total funds carried forward	16	778,198	706,710	1,212,429	2,697,337	2,769,213

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

Prior year Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total 2019 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Investment income	2	29,578	22,875	47,999	100,452
Other income		10,939	80	-	11,019
Total Income		40,517	22,955	47,999	111,471
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		(14,909)	(14,234)	-	(29,143)
Charitable activities		(28,945)	(42,260)	-	(71,205)
Total Expenditure		(43,854)	(56,494)	-	(100,348)
Net (expenditure)/income		(3,337)	(33,539)	47,999	11,123
Gains/losses on investment assets		99,130	77,330	166,537	342,997
Gross transfers between funds		22,784	25,215	(47,999)	-
Net movement in funds		118,577	69,006	166,537	354,120
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		683,735	652,651	1,078,707	2,415,093
Total funds carried forward	16	802,312	721,657	1,245,244	2,769,213

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

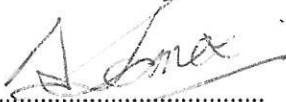
The funds breakdown for 2019 is shown in note 16.

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BALANCE SHEET 31 DECEMBER 2020

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	13	2,528,490	2,594,762
Current assets			
Debtors	14	57,450	52,450
Cash at bank and in hand	19	<u>117,446</u>	<u>128,040</u>
		174,896	180,490
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(6,049)</u>	<u>(6,039)</u>
Net current assets		<u>168,847</u>	<u>174,451</u>
Net assets		<u>2,697,337</u>	<u>2,769,213</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Endowment funds		1,212,429	1,245,244
Restricted income funds			
Restricted funds		706,710	721,657
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>778,198</u>	<u>802,312</u>
Total funds	16	<u>2,697,337</u>	<u>2,769,213</u>

The financial statements on pages 16 to 36 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 22/6/21..... and signed on their behalf by:


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Dr D L James
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following 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 16th July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern

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

Income and endowments

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations and legacies

Cash donations, gifts, legacies and grants are accounted for in full as they are received. The value of voluntary help is not included in the accounts.

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Investment income

Bank interest is accounted for on receipt. Other investment income is accounted for when receivable.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources. The irrecoverable element of VAT is included within the item of expense to which it relates. Grants offered subject to conditions, which have not been met at the year end date, are noted as commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in the management of investments.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the Charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

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Debtors

Are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

Are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of is established when there is objective evidence that they will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

Fund structure

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the Charity. Income from those assets may be used to support the objectives of the Charity.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

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Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs),

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the Charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the Charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the Charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

Pensions and other post retirement obligations

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme which is a pension plan under which fixed contributions are paid into a pension fund and the charity has no legal or constructive obligation to pay further contributions even if the fund does not hold sufficient assets to pay all employees the benefits relating to employee service in the current and prior periods.

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are due. If contribution payments exceed the contribution due for service, the excess is recognised as a prepayment.

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2 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds Expendable £	Total funds £
Interest receivable and similar income;				
Interest receivable on bank deposits	111	-	-	111
Other income from fixed asset investments	26,261	20,486	43,262	90,009
Total for 2020	<u>26,372</u>	<u>20,486</u>	<u>43,262</u>	<u>90,120</u>
Total for 2019	<u>29,578</u>	<u>22,875</u>	<u>47,999</u>	<u>100,452</u>

3 Other income

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Other income	1,500	81	1,581
Rental income	887	-	887
Total for 2020	<u>2,387</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>2,468</u>
Total for 2019	<u>10,939</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>11,019</u>

4 Expenditure on raising funds

a) Administrative costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Staff Costs	11,324	10,185	21,509
Administrative expenses	3,546	3,191	6,737
Total for 2020	<u>14,870</u>	<u>13,376</u>	<u>28,246</u>
Total for 2019	<u>14,909</u>	<u>14,234</u>	<u>29,143</u>

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5 Expenditure on charitable activities

		Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Grant funding of activities		26,556	38,150	64,706
Governance costs	6	<u>2,759</u>	<u>2,481</u>	<u>5,240</u>
Total for 2020		<u>29,315</u>	<u>40,631</u>	<u>69,946</u>
Total for 2019		<u>28,945</u>	<u>42,260</u>	<u>71,205</u>

6 Analysis of governance and support costs

Raising funds expenditure

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
Audit fees			
Audit of the financial statements	1,316	1,184	2,500
Other fees paid to auditors	<u>1,443</u>	<u>1,297</u>	<u>2,740</u>
Total for 2020	<u>2,759</u>	<u>2,481</u>	<u>5,240</u>
Total for 2019	<u>2,778</u>	<u>2,652</u>	<u>5,430</u>

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7 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

	Grants to institutions		Grants to individuals	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
	£	£	£	£
Analysis				
General Purposes	20,075	14,356	6,481	11,811
Maintenance of the Ministry	16,854	20,561	-	-
Church Extension	4,000	3,500	-	-
Homes for Retired Ministers	-	-	11,736	10,247
Welfare	-	-	4,000	4,000
Education	-	-	1,560	1,300
	<u>40,929</u>	<u>38,417</u>	<u>23,777</u>	<u>27,358</u>

8 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net (outgoing)/incoming resources for the year include:

	2020	2019
	£	£
Audit fees	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,000</u>

9 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

£725 (2019: £2,558) of expenses were reimbursed to the trustees during the year.

During the year nine trustees were paid expenses in relation to reimbursed meeting expenses.

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

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10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2020 £	2019 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	19,554	19,094
Pension costs	<u>1,955</u>	<u>1,909</u>
	<u>21,509</u>	<u>21,003</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2020 No	2019 No
Executive officer	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

11 Auditors' remuneration

	2020 £	2019 £
Audit of the financial statements	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,000</u>
Other fees to auditors		
All other non-audit services	<u>2,740</u>	<u>3,430</u>

12 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

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13 Fixed asset investments

	2020 £	2019 £
Other investments	<u>2,528,490</u>	<u>2,594,762</u>

Other investments

	Fixed interest investments £	Managed funds £	Total £
Cost or Valuation			
At 1 January 2020	961,069	1,633,693	2,594,762
Revaluation	<u>52,729</u>	<u>(119,001)</u>	<u>(66,272)</u>
At 31 December 2020	<u>1,013,798</u>	<u>1,514,692</u>	<u>2,528,490</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2020	<u>1,013,798</u>	<u>1,514,692</u>	<u>2,528,490</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>961,069</u>	<u>1,633,693</u>	<u>2,594,762</u>

Analysis of investments at 31 December 2020 between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £	Total Funds 2019 £
Listed and other investments					
Fixed interest investments	275,587	214,979	523,232	1,013,798	961,069
Managed funds	<u>463,740</u>	<u>361,755</u>	<u>689,197</u>	<u>1,514,692</u>	<u>1,633,693</u>
	<u>739,327</u>	<u>576,734</u>	<u>1,212,429</u>	<u>2,528,490</u>	<u>2,594,762</u>

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The investments representing more than 5% of the total value are as follows:

	Endowed			Expendable		
	Units	Market value	%	Units	Market value	%
Charinco income units	55354.057	109,048	4.3	82708.374	162,936	6.3
COIF income units	17231.700	310,367	12.3	23674.980	426,420	16.9
Charifund units	27600.000	378,830	15.0	29074.909	399,074	15.8
COIF Ethical Investment Units	150164.920	414,185	16.4	118783.990	327,630	13.0
		<u>1,212,430</u>			<u>1,316,060</u>	

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14 Debtors

	2020 £	2019 £
Prepayments	200	200
Amounts falling due after more than one year: Interest in property	17,250	17,250
Amounts falling due after more than one year: Loans to churches	<u>40,000</u>	<u>35,000</u>
	<u>57,450</u>	<u>52,450</u>

The interest in property figure includes loans to two churches made on the following basis:

In March 1992 a loan was made to the Congregational Federation Limited to purchase the freehold reversion of Bethania, Tredegar, amounting to £6,250. This represented 13% of the value of the building at that time. Repayment of the loan will be made in the event of the church closing with 13% of the sale price.

Also in March 1992, a loan was made to the Congregational Federation Limited to purchase the freehold reversion of Bethesda, Brynmawr, amounting to £11,000. This loan represented 22% of the value of the building at that time. Repayment of the loan will be expected if and when the church is sold with 22% of the sale price.

Loans to churches carry an interest rate set by the Trustees. All such loans are considered recoverable.

In November 2016 the trustees agreed a loan of £25,000 to the Union Croft Chapel. This loan will only be repayable in the event of the closure of the chapel or if the pastor leaves the chapel.

In November 2017 the trustees agreed a loan of £5,000 per year for three years, starting in 2018, to Bethania Congregational Church. If the church closed within that three year period any loans made would have to be paid back in full from the sale proceeds of the church, otherwise the loans would be reviewed again after three years.

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2020 £	2019 £
Other taxation and social security	571	701
Accruals	<u>5,478</u>	<u>5,338</u>
	<u>6,049</u>	<u>6,039</u>

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16 Funds	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2020 £
Unrestricted funds						
General purpose	802,312	28,759	(44,185)	10,108	(18,796)	778,198
Total unrestricted funds	802,312	28,759	(44,185)	10,108	(18,796)	778,198
Restricted funds						
Maintenance of ministry	-	2,747	(16,854)	16,073	(1,966)	-
Ministerial training	213,926	2,660	(4,701)	9,664	(1,904)	219,645
Church extension	258,496	7,899	(9,679)	1,664	(5,654)	252,726
Homes for retired ministers	222,916	5,942	(16,635)	3,435	(4,194)	211,464
Welfare	26,319	1,225	(4,578)	785	(876)	22,875
Education	-	94	(1,560)	1,533	(67)	-
Total restricted funds	721,657	20,567	(54,007)	33,154	(14,661)	706,710
Endowment funds						
Permanent						
General purpose	736,595	25,591	-	(25,591)	(19,411)	717,184
Maintenance of ministry	52,457	1,823	-	(1,823)	(1,382)	51,075
Ministerial training	278,160	9,664	-	(9,664)	(7,330)	270,830
Church extension	47,911	1,664	-	(1,664)	(1,263)	46,648

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	Balance at 1 January 2020 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2020 £
Homes for retired ministers	98,877	3,435	-	(3,435)	(2,606)	96,271
Welfare	22,604	785	-	(785)	(596)	22,008
Education	8,640	300	-	(300)	(227)	8,413
Total endowment funds	1,245,244	43,262	-	(43,262)	(32,815)	1,212,429
Total funds	2,769,213	92,588	(98,192)	-	(66,272)	2,697,337
	Balance at 1 January 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2019 £
Unrestricted funds						
General purpose	683,735	40,517	(43,854)	22,784	99,130	802,312
Total unrestricted funds	683,735	40,517	(43,854)	22,784	99,130	802,312
Restricted funds						
Maintenance of ministry	-	3,067	(20,561)	7,124	10,370	-
Ministerial training	195,244	2,970	(5,051)	10,722	10,041	213,926
Church extension	227,393	8,821	(9,384)	1,847	29,819	258,496
Homes for retired ministers	205,935	6,624	(15,576)	3,811	22,122	222,916
Welfare	24,079	1,368	(4,622)	871	4,623	26,319
Education	-	105	(1,300)	840	355	-

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	Balance at 1 January 2019 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2019 £
Total restricted funds	<u>652,651</u>	<u>22,955</u>	<u>(56,494)</u>	<u>25,215</u>	<u>77,330</u>	<u>721,657</u>
Endowment funds						
<i>Permanent</i>						
General purpose	638,084	28,393	-	(28,393)	98,511	736,595
Maintenance of ministry	45,441	2,022	-	(2,022)	7,016	52,457
Ministerial training	240,960	10,722	-	(10,722)	37,200	278,160
Church extension	41,503	1,847	-	(1,847)	6,408	47,911
Homes for retired ministers	85,653	3,811	-	(3,811)	13,224	98,877
Welfare	19,581	871	-	(871)	3,023	22,604
Education	7,485	333	-	(333)	1,155	8,640
Total endowment funds	<u>1,078,707</u>	<u>47,999</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(47,999)</u>	<u>166,537</u>	<u>1,245,244</u>
Total funds	<u>2,415,093</u>	<u>111,471</u>	<u>(100,348)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>342,997</u>	<u>2,769,213</u>

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

Maintenance of the Ministry - Income is used for grants to Unaffiliated Congregational Churches or otherwise for maintaining ministry within a Congregational Church.

Ministerial Training - Income is used for training men and women for the ministry of the Congregational Denomination.

Church Extension - For the use of the upkeep and repair of property, and the services it provides, of an Unaffiliated Congregational Church. In addition the fund may be used for the extension of existing buildings and in the provision or construction of buildings to be used as a Congregational Church or for residences of ministers of Unaffiliated Congregational Churches.

Homes for Retired Ministers - Income from this fund is to be used to provide accommodation for retired ministers and their widows/widowers in retirement.

Welfare - For use in the relief of need among ministers and their dependents by way of grants 'or otherwise'.

Education - To be used for the benefit of the children of the minister of an Unaffiliated Congregational Church.

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17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total funds at 31 December 2020 £
Fixed asset investments	739,327	576,734	1,212,429	2,528,490
Current assets	44,920	129,976	-	174,896
Current liabilities	(6,049)	-	-	(6,049)
Total net assets	<u>778,198</u>	<u>706,710</u>	<u>1,212,429</u>	<u>2,697,337</u>
	Unrestricted funds General £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds Expendable £	Total funds at 31 December 2019 £
Fixed asset investments	758,123	591,395	1,245,244	2,594,762
Current assets	50,228	130,262	-	180,490
Current liabilities	(6,039)	-	-	(6,039)
Total net assets	<u>802,312</u>	<u>721,657</u>	<u>1,245,244</u>	<u>2,769,213</u>

18 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 January 2020 £	Cash flow £	At 31 December 2020 £
Cash at bank and in hand	128,040	(10,594)	117,446
Net debt	<u>128,040</u>	<u>(10,594)</u>	<u>117,446</u>
	At 1 January 2019 £	Financing cash flows £	At 31 December 2019 £
Cash at bank and in hand	121,354	6,686	128,040
Net debt	<u>121,354</u>	<u>6,686</u>	<u>128,040</u>

19 Cash and cash equivalents

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash on hand	160	53
Cash at bank	<u>117,286</u>	<u>127,987</u>
	<u>117,446</u>	<u>128,040</u>

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20 Financial instruments

Categorisation of financial instruments

	2020	2019
	£	£
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	2,528,490	2,594,762
Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	57,250	52,250
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	6,049	6,039

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21 Related party transactions

Congregational History Society Grant: The Reverend Chris Damp, Treasurer of the Society and Dr Digby James, printer for the Society took no part in the discussion or the decision to award the grant to the Congregational History Society.

As Minister of Bunyan Meeting, Bedford, Reverend Chris Damp took no part in the discussion or the decision in awarding a grant to the church for support with Youth Ministry.

As Minister of Bradley Congregational Church Pastor Mike Valentine took no part in the discussion or the decision to award the book grant to UCCC ministers. Pastor Valentine requested that he did not personally receive the grant.

Custodian Trustee Grants awarded to the Trust Bodies of: Congregational Federation Ltd, the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches Trust Corporation Ltd and the Congregational Partnership Ltd. The Nominative Trustees from each group took no part in the discussion or the decision to award a Custodian Trustee Grant for their particular group.

As a member and deacon at Bethesda Congregational Church, Llangattock, the Chairman, Mr R. J. Alp, left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or the decision to award the church a grant for the repair of the water supply to the church.

As a member and deacon at Bethesda Congregational Church, Llangattock, the Chairman, Mr R. J. Alp, took no part in the discussion or the decision to award an emergency grant to the church in May.

As a member and deacon and at Griffithstown Congregational Church, Mrs L. Perry took no part in the discussion or the decision to award an emergency grant to the church in May.