

# Contemporary Christianity (Northern Ireland) Limited

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100585

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2014-10-03

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** The Objects of the Company shall be: (1)To promote the Christian religion and in particular (but not exclusively) to bring biblical principles to bear on the outworking of faith in Northern Ireland.

**What the charity does:** The advancement of religion

**How the charity works:** Advice/advocacy/information,Community development,Cultural,Religious activities

**Who the charity helps:** General public,Men,Women

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£4,653	£3,859	£0	0

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Cathy Bollaert		
John Kyle		
Lisa Whitten		
Maithe White-Dundas		
Norman Hamilton		
Peter Croy		
Stephen Adams		

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# Accounts

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR CONTEMPORARY  
CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31  
MARCH 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations and Legacies	3	4,642	4,734
Charitable activities	4	-	-
Investments	5	11	10
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>4,653</b>	<b>4,744</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities	6	<b>3,859</b>	<b>3,598</b>
<b>Net Income for the year/Net movement in funds</b>		<b>794</b>	<b>1,146</b>
Fund balances brought forward		11,559	10,413
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>12,353</b>	<b>11,559</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

**BALANCE SHEET FOR CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY (NORTHER IRELAND) LIMITED AS AT 31 MARCH 2025**

		2025		2024	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Tangible Assets</b>	<b>11</b>	-	-		<b>64</b>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	11	90		90	
Debtors	12	747		785	
Cash at bank and in hand		11,516		10,620	
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>12,353</b>		<b>11,495</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts due within one year	13	-		-	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			<b>12,353</b>		<b>11,495</b>
<b>Total Assets Less Current Liabilities</b>			<b>12,353</b>		<b>11,559</b>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Unrestricted income funds			12,353		11,559
<b>Total charity funds</b>			<b>12,353</b>		<b>11,559</b>

For the year ending 31 March 2025, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records that comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements that give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These accounts have been as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

Approved by the Trustees on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025



**Rev Dr N Hamilton**  
Trustee

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

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## 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **Charity Information**

Contemporary Christianity (Northern Ireland) Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is Inter Church Centre, Belfast Cathedral Centre, Donegall Street, Belfast, BT1 2HB, Northern Ireland.

### **(a) Accounting Convention**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 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 (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions of the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

### **(b) Going concern**

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

### **(c) Charitable funds**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

### **(d) Incoming resources**

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions required deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

### **(e) Resources expended**

Expenditure is recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity heading:

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

- Expenditure on charitable activities 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. Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred.

### (f) **Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment issues.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% straight line
Computers	20% straight line

The gain or loss on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and it is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

### (g) **Impairment of fixed assets**

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment (if any).

### (h) **Stocks**

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling prices less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

### (i) **Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

### (j) **Financial instruments**

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

#### **Basic financial assets**

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement contributes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR CONTEMPORARY  
CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31  
MARCH 2025**

***Basic financial liabilities***

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at the market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

***Derecognition of financial liabilities***

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

**2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

**3. Donations and legacies**

	2025 £	2024 £
Donations and gifts	4,282	4,374
Trusts	360	360
	<u>4,642</u>	<u>4,734</u>

**4. Charitable activities**

	2025 £	2024 £
Sales within charitable activities	-	-

**5. Investments**

	Unrestricted Funds 2025 £	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £
Interest receivable	11	10

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MARCH 2025**

**6. Charitable activities**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2024 £</b>
Depreciation and impairment Resources	64	119
Opening Stock	250	503
Closing Stock	90	100
Subscriptions	(90)	(90)
	<u>241</u>	<u>85</u>
	<b>555</b>	<b>717</b>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	3,079	2,671
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	225	210
	<u><b>3,859</b></u>	<u><b>3,598</b></u>

**7. Support costs**

	<b>Support costs £</b>	<b>Governance costs £</b>	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>Basis of allocation</b>
Rent	1,420	-	1,420	1,320	
Insurance	300	-	300	300	
Bank interest & charges	41	-	41	42	
Printing, Postage, Photocopying & Stationery	1,318	-	1,318	1,009	
Sundry Expenses				-	
Independent Examination Fees	-	100	100	90	Governance
Legal and professional	-	125	125	120	Governance
	<u><b>3,079</b></u>	<u><b>225</b></u>	<u><b>3,304</b></u>	<u><b>2,881</b></u>	
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>3,079</u>	<u>225</u>	<u>3,304</u>	<u>2,881</u>	

Governance costs include payments to the independent examiners of £100 (2024: £90) for accountancy fees.

**8. Trustees**

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

**9. Employees**

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	<b>2024 Number</b>	<b>2023 Number</b>
<b>Total</b>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR CONTEMPORARY  
CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31  
MARCH 2025**

**10. Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Computers £</b>
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 April 2024	593
At 31 March 2025	<u>593</u>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>	
At 1 April 2024	529
Depreciation charged in the year	64
At 31 March 2025	<u>593</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 March 2025	-
At 31 March 2024	<u>64</u>

**11. Stocks**

	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
Finished goods and goods for resale	90	90

**12. Debtors**

	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
Other Debtors	747	785
Prepayments and accrued income	-	-
	<u>747</u>	<u>785</u>

**13. Creditors**

	<b>2025 £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>
Accruals	-	-

**14. Analysis of net assets between funds**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2025 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2024 £</b>
Fund balances at 31 March represented by:		
Tangible assets	-	64
Current assets/(liabilities)	12,353	11,495
	<u>12,353</u>	<u>11,559</u>

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**15. Related party transactions**

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2024: none).

**Contemporary Christianity (Northern Ireland) Limited**

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR CONTEMPORARY  
CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31  
MARCH 2024**

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	Note	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations and Legacies	<b>3</b>	4,734	6,241
Charitable activities	<b>4</b>	-	-
Investments	<b>5</b>	10	9
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>4,744</b>	<b>6,250</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities	<b>6</b>	<b>3,598</b>	<b>5,407</b>
<b>Net Income for the year/Net movement in funds</b>		<b>1,146</b>	<b>843</b>
Fund balances brought forward		10,413	9,570
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>11,559</b>	<b>10,413</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing operations.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

**BALANCE SHEET FOR CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY (NORTHER IRELAND) LIMITED AS AT 31 MARCH 2024**

		2024		2023	
	Note	£	£	£	£
<b>Tangible Assets</b>	11		64		183
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	12	90		100	
Debtors	13	785		1,159	
Cash at bank and in hand		10,620		9,511	
<b>Net assets</b>		<u>11,495</u>		<u>10,770</u>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>					
Creditors: amounts due within one year	14	-		(540)	
<b>Net Current Assets</b>			<u>11,495</u>	<u>(540)</u>	<u>10,230</u>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>			<u>11,559</u>		<u>10,413</u>
<b>The funds of the charity</b>					
Unrestricted income funds			11,559		10,413
<b>Total charity funds</b>			<u>11,559</u>		<u>10,413</u>

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Approved by the Trustees on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024



**Rev Dr N Hamilton**  
Trustee

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## (j) **Financial instruments**

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### **Basic financial liabilities**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR CONTEMPORARY  
CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31  
MARCH 2024**

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***Derecognition of financial liabilities***

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**2. Critical accounting estimates and judgements**

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The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

**3. Donations and legacies**

	2024 £	2023 £
Donations and gifts	4,374	5,881
Trusts	360	360
	<u>4,734</u>	<u>6,241</u>

**4. Charitable activities**

	2024 £	2023 £
Sales within charitable activities	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

**5. Investments**

	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £
Interest receivable	10	9
	<u>10</u>	<u>9</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR CONTEMPORARY  
CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31  
MARCH 2024**

**6. Charitable activities**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2024 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds 2023 £</b>
Depreciation and impairment Resources	119	119
Opening Stock	503	1,160
Closing Stock	100	120
Subscriptions	(90)	(100)
	85	229
	717	1,508
Share of support costs (see note 7)	2,671	3,246
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	210	653
	3,598	5,407

**7. Support costs**

	<b>Support costs £</b>	<b>Governance costs £</b>	<b>2024 £</b>	<b>2023 £</b>	<b>Basis of allocation</b>
Rent	1,320	-	1,320	1,320	
Insurance	300	-	300	294	
Bank interest & charges	42	-	42	44	
Printing, Postage, Photocopying & Stationery	1,009	-	1,009	1,588	
Sundry Expenses	-	-	-	-	
Independent Examination Fees	-	90	90	540	Governance
Legal and professional	-	120	120	113	Governance
	2,671	210	2,881	3,899	
Analysed between Charitable activities	2,671	210	2,881	3,899	

Governance costs include payments to the independent examiners of £90 (2023: £540) for accountancy fees.

**8. Trustees**

None of the Trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

**9. Employees**

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	<b>2024 Number</b>	<b>2023 Number</b>
<b>Total</b>	-	-

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR CONTEMPORARY  
CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31  
MARCH 2024**

**10. Tangible fixed assets**

	<b>Computers</b>
	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 April 2023	593
At 31 March 2024	<u>593</u>
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>	
At 1 April 2023	410
Depreciation charged in the year	119
At 31 March 2024	<u>529</u>
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 March 2024	<u>64</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>183</u>

**11. Stocks**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Finished goods and goods for resale	90	100
	<u>90</u>	<u>100</u>

**12. Debtors**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other Debtors	785	990
Prepayments and accrued income	-	169
	<u>785</u>	<u>1,159</u>

**13. Creditors**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Accruals	-	540
	<u>-</u>	<u>540</u>

**14. Analysis of net assets between funds**

	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Unrestricted</b>
	<b>Funds</b>	<b>Funds</b>
	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fund balances at 31 March represented by:		
Tangible assets	64	183
Current assets/(liabilities)	11,495	10,230
	<u>11,559</u>	<u>10,413</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR CONTEMPORARY  
CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31  
MARCH 2024**

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**15. Related party transactions**

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2023: none).

**Contemporary Christianity (Northern Ireland) Limited**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100585

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# Annual report

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# CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED

## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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The trustees present their Annual Director's report and independently examined financial statements for the year ending 31st March 2024, which also complies with the requirements for a director's report and accounts under the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the Companies Act 2006 and the company's Articles of Association. They comply with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102 applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland.

### Report from the Chair of the Board

*I write these notes shortly after the riots that convulsed so many towns and cities across the UK, knowing that the impact will be remembered and felt for a very long time. One of the big challenges for both the faith sector generally as well as civic and political leaders is to elevate the quality and reach of public discourse on the many issues raised by the demonstrations and counter demonstrations. There is a huge need for wise, robust yet sensitive governance both locally and nationally in Stormont and Westminster. In our work in Contemporary Christianity, we aim to elevate understanding and conversation as best we can on these and other complex issues facing our society.*

*It is a great personal privilege to be able to play some small part in this work, but it is also fair to say that the support of others is also greatly needed if we are to do our work well. In the coming year we will be doing some behind-the-scenes work on the changing face of reconciliation in our land as well as looking to have some more public events to which you are very welcome indeed. Our website will be updated as our plans develop.*

*If you think you might be able to help us in any way, we would be delighted to hear from you. We are in particular need of some support in the world of social media, and in the organisation of some events. By definition, the more we do, the more we need to strengthen our capacity to do it properly. Our E-mail contact details are: [info@contemporarychristianity.net](mailto:info@contemporarychristianity.net) and [hamilton.norman@gmail.com](mailto:hamilton.norman@gmail.com) Finally, I do want to thank our indefatigable Honorary Secretary Stephen Adams, and all the members of the Board who contribute their God given time and wisdom to help us. Working with them really is a delight!*

The Trustees are pleased to submit this formal report as required under the relevant legislation.

### Objectives and Activities

The Purpose of Contemporary Christianity (Northern Ireland) is... "to promote the Christian religion and in particular (but not exclusively) to bring biblical/ principles to bear on the outworking of faith in Northern Ireland'. In planning our activities, we keep our Aims and Objectives under review and our stated public benefit as approved in our NI Charities Commission registration.

With its roots in the Evangelical community, Contemporary Christianity (Northern Ireland) Limited works across the Christian traditions to address the challenges of... living out biblical faith in a changing world. We seek to draw on the lessons learned through nearly 40 years of community conflict. Both a concern for the faithful understanding of the biblical text, and an outworking of the mission of God as the reconciliation of all things in Christ, are critical in enabling Christians to challenge their communal loyalties and engage with the work of peace building and community relations.

Contemporary Christianity (Northern Ireland) Limited is committed to help churches and faith-based communities engage with challenges of a rapidly changing society. We work with a range of organisations across the Christian traditions and seek to provide a relevant programme of activities.

# CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED

## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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The benefits that flow from this purpose include challenging people of faith across Northern Ireland to think about their faith and its implications in their communities. Contemporary Christianity provides a "safe space" for conversations, which might be more difficult to organise on a church or denominational basis. Some of this work is done by the organisation and some is done by working in partnership with other organisations. Through this, the local Christian Community can be challenged, disturbed and encouraged to reflect theologically on real issues and review their lifestyle and practice.

These benefits are evidenced through opportunities to open up and consider contemporary real life issues, which affect how people live out their faith in our divided communities. These benefits are advanced through a range of events, meetings and conversations organised to challenge Christians across our communities.

The beneficiaries of this purpose are primarily those involved in church and community relations across N Ireland who are willing to encourage engagement with these types of issues to enhance their citizenship.

### **Structure, governance and management**

During 2023-24 we held five hybrid Board meetings.

We have on-going work to improve and refresh our website, as a resource to promote engagement on the issues we are working on.

Our Memorandum and Articles of Association were approved in November 2009. In October 2014, we registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland — (NIC100585). We have been a member of NICVA since 2016.

We communicate to our database of friends by email, by our website, and by social media. Through these, we have endeavoured to maintain meaningful contact. We appreciated having personal contact this year with the Covid 19 restrictions now well behind us! Alongside our public activities, the Board has been developing a work-plan for the next 2-3 years and this has involved discussions and negotiations with several partner organisations.

### **Ensuring our work delivers our aims**

**Vision:** We desire to see the Christian community in Ireland nurture a radical biblical faith in God, who in Jesus Christ reconciles the world, restores human relationships and redeems all of life and creation.

**Mission:** We are committed to develop the knowledge and personal skills needed among Christians and churches to serve their communities at critical points of cultural contention, communal conflict and social change, by becoming a place where they can access biblical resources and practical support.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The Board is so grateful to God for the continued support of a faithful small group of regular donors, who underwrite our work. We keep them informed of the direction of travel as we develop a 2-3 year work-plan. We continue to be vigilant in effecting economies and maintaining a reasonable cash flow and reserves.

### **Achievements and performance**

We work entirely as a volunteer organisation and we are fortunate to have a highly committed Board. We rent an office in the Inter-Church Centre of the Irish Council of Churches and we benefit greatly from being located with the Irish Council of Churches and other organisations.

# CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED

## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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### Conversation

Recognising that our ECONI "roots" were essentially people with passion volunteering to work together to challenge the church, society and also local political leaders, this approach has inspired occasional "conversations" on current and relevant topics. The series we commenced last year is known as "In These Times" events. Two evenings were held in Ulster University new Belfast Campus on York Street.

In May 2023, Dr John Kyle spoke on ....The Scourge of Loneliness and suggested how Christians and Churches might begin to address this problem. His talk was supplemented with a presentation from Ryan Karayjannis who gave a particular and disturbing perspective on loneliness amongst young people, and the effects of Covid.

In November 2023, we took a further look at the issue of poverty around the theme ...Foodbanks: standing in the way or in the gap? Lynda Gould led on the subject and then Chris Leech and Louise Ferguson gave their perspectives from their experience of foodbanks in the Craigavon area and from the work of the Larder in East Belfast.

Recordings of these events are available on our website.

Publications of ...PS...blogs was our regular activity for engagement over the year. . Most months we were able to post two ...PS...Blogs. We are grateful to a wide range of writers who make this possible. Each blog was on a topical theme and there is scope to share reactions.

Other Activities: We hosted virtual monthly meetings of the Churches Initiative Group (C.I.G), and welcomed some new members to that group. We has worked in partnership with other organisations and Evangelical Alliance (NI) in discussions leading to the formation of a Coalition of Christian Voices against Poverty.

Communications: We rely heavily on e-communications as the only cost effective way of informing and dissemination of information and notice of events to our supporters and wider contacts.

Email: [info@contemporarychristianity.net](mailto:info@contemporarychristianity.net)

Website: [www.contemporarychristianity.net](http://www.contemporarychristianity.net)

We have both Facebook and Twitter social media connections.

### Financial review

The Board is so grateful to God for the continued support of a faithful small group of regular donors. We are encouraging new supporters to help us with a small monthly donation.

### Reserves policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds, which have not been designated for a specific use, should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees consider that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

### Changes to the Board Directors

Mr Peter Crory joined on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024, Mrs H Knox (nee Taylor) stepped down from the Board on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024, and Mr J McGrath stepped down from the Board on 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

# CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED

## TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

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### Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed and are satisfied that a system is in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

### Reference and administrative details

Company registration number: NI 37038  
Charity registration number: NIC 100585  
Registered Office\*\*\*: 48 Elmwood Avenue  
Belfast  
BT9 6AZ

### Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr S Adams

Ms C Bollaert

Mr J Currie

Rev Dr M White-Dundas

Rev Dr N Hamilton OBE

Dr J Kyle

Miss H Taylor until 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Mr J McGrath until 11<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Dr L Whitten

Mr P Crory from 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024.

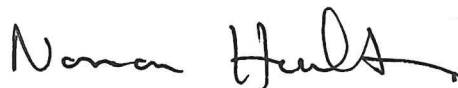
The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

\*\*\* From December 2024, the Registered Office and postal address changes to:

**Inter Church Centre, Suite 1, Belfast Cathedral Centre, Donegall Street, BELFAST. BT1 2HB**



**Mr S Adams**  
Trustee  
Dated: 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024



**Rev Dr N Hamilton**  
Trustee  
Dated: 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024

**Contemporary Christianity (Northern Ireland) Limited**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100585

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# Annual return

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**CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED**  
**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

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**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Contemporary Christianity (N I) Limited**  
I report on the financial statements of Contemporary Christianity (NI) Limited for the year ended 31 March 2024 which are set out on pages 7 to 14.

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

As the charity trustees (also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006. Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law, and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 65 of the Charities Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

**Basis of independent examiner's report**

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. The examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. that the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
2. that the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. that the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the 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
4. that there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



**Name:** Wilma Harkness  
**Address:** 92 Sydenham Avenue, Belfast, BT4 2DT  
**Date:** 6 November 2024

**Contemporary Christianity (Northern Ireland) Limited**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100585

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# Accounts

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# CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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		Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Unrestricted funds 2022 £
	Notes		
<b>Income from:</b>			
Donations and legacies	3	6,241	6,477
Charitable activities	4	-	62
Investments	5	9	6
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Total income</b>		6,250	6,545
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>			
Charitable activities	6	5,407	4,848
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Net income for the year/ Net movement in funds</b>		843	1,697
Fund balances at 1 April 2022		9,570	7,873
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Fund balances at 31 March 2023</b>		10,413	9,570
		<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

# CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED

## BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

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	Notes	2023 £	£	2022 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	11		183		302
<b>Current assets</b>					
Stocks	12	100		100	
Debtors	13	1,159		1,163	
Cash at bank and in hand		9,511		8,545	
		<u>10,770</u>		<u>9,808</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	14	<u>(540)</u>		<u>(540)</u>	
Net current assets			10,230		9,268
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>10,413</u>		<u>9,570</u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Unrestricted funds			10,413		9,570
			<u>10,413</u>		<u>9,570</u>

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# CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED

## BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)

*AS AT 31 MARCH 2023*

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The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 March 2023.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the company.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year in question in accordance with section 476.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on .....

  
.....  
Dr J Kyle  
Trustee

**Company Registration No. NI37038**

# CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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### 1 Accounting policies

#### Charity information

Contemporary Christianity (Northern Ireland) Limited is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office is 48 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast, Co. Antrim, BT9 6AZ, Northern Ireland.

#### 1.1 Accounting convention

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 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 (FRS 102)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

#### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

#### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

#### 1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

# CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

Turnover is measured at the fair value of the consideration received or receivable and represents amounts receivable for goods and services provided in the normal course of business, net of discounts, VAT and other sales related taxes.

#### 1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to make a payment to a third party, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified under the following activity heading:

- Expenditure on charitable activities 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.

Irrecoverable VAT is charged as a cost against the activity for which the expenditure was incurred,

#### 1.6 Intangible fixed assets other than goodwill

Intangible assets acquired separately from a business are recognised at cost and are subsequently measured at cost less accumulated amortisation and accumulated impairment losses.

Intangible assets acquired on business combinations are recognised separately from goodwill at the acquisition date where it is probable that the expected future economic benefits that are attributable to the asset will flow to the entity and the fair value of the asset can be measured reliably; the intangible asset arises from contractual or other legal rights; and the intangible asset is separable from the entity.

Amortisation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Software	20% Straight Line
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#### 1.7 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Fixtures and fittings	20% Straight Line
Computers	20% Straight Line

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in net income/(expenditure) for the year.

# CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### 1.8 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible and intangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

#### 1.9 Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and estimated selling price less costs to complete and sell. Cost comprises direct materials and, where applicable, direct labour costs and those overheads that have been incurred in bringing the stocks to their present location and condition. Items held for distribution at no or nominal consideration are measured the lower of replacement cost and cost.

Net realisable value is the estimated selling price less all estimated costs of completion and costs to be incurred in marketing, selling and distribution.

#### 1.10 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

#### 1.11 Financial instruments

The charity has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments.

Financial instruments are recognised in the charity's balance sheet when the charity becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

##### *Basic financial assets*

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

# CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

#### *Basic financial liabilities*

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

#### *Derecognition of financial liabilities*

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the charity's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

### 2 Critical accounting estimates and judgements

In the application of the charity's accounting policies, the trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised where the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods where the revision affects both current and future periods.

### 3 Donations and legacies

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations and gifts	5,881	6,117
Trusts	360	360
	<u>6,241</u>	<u>6,477</u>

# CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 4 Charitable activities

	<b>Unrestricted Income 2022 £</b>
Sales within charitable activities	62

### 5 Investments

	<b>Unrestricted funds 2023 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds 2022 £</b>
Interest receivable	9	6

### 6 Charitable activities

	<b>Unrestricted Fund 2023 £</b>	<b>Unrestricted Fund 2022 £</b>
Depreciation and impairment Resources	119	119
Opening Stock	1,160	100
Closing Stock	100	120
Subscriptions	(100)	(100)
	229	85
	<u>1,508</u>	<u>324</u>
Share of support costs (see note 7)	3,246	3,699
Share of governance costs (see note 7)	653	825
	<u>5,407</u>	<u>4,848</u>

# CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

7 Support costs	Support costs	Governance costs	2023	2022	Basis of allocation
	£	£	£	£	
Rent	1,320	-	1,320	1,320	
Insurance	294	-	294	294	
Bank Interest & Charges	44	-	44	38	
Printing, Postage, Photocopying & Stationery	1,588	-	1,588	2,034	
Sundry Expenses	-	-	-	13	
Independent Examination Fees	-	540	540	540	Governance
Legal and professional	-	113	113	285	Governance
	<u>3,246</u>	<u>653</u>	<u>3,899</u>	<u>4,524</u>	
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>3,246</u>	<u>653</u>	<u>3,899</u>	<u>4,524</u>	

Governance costs includes payments to the independent examiners of £540 (2022- £540) for accountancy fees.

### 8 Trustees

None of the trustees (or any persons connected with them) received any remuneration or benefits from the charity during the year.

### 9 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

# CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

### 10 Intangible fixed assets

	Software £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	-
<b>Amortisation and impairment</b>	
At 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023	-
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 March 2023	-
At 31 March 2022	-

### 11 Tangible fixed assets

	Computers £
<b>Cost</b>	
At 1 April 2022	593
At 31 March 2023	593
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>	
At 1 April 2022	291
Depreciation charged in the year	119
At 31 March 2023	410
<b>Carrying amount</b>	
At 31 March 2023	183
At 31 March 2022	302

### 12 Stocks

	2023 £	2022 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	100	100

# CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 13 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>		
Other debtors	990	990
Prepayments and accrued income	169	173
	<u>1,159</u>	<u>1,163</u>

### 14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	540	540
	<u>540</u>	<u>540</u>

### 15 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted fund	Unrestricted fund
	2023	2022
	£	£
Fund balances at 31 March 2023 are represented by:		
Tangible assets	183	302
Current assets/(liabilities)	10,230	9,268
	<u>10,413</u>	<u>9,570</u>

### 16 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2022 - none).

**Contemporary Christianity (Northern Ireland) Limited**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100585

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# Annual report

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# CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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The trustees present their Annual Director's report and independently examined financial statements for the year ending 31st March 2023 which also complies with the requirements for a director's report and accounts under the Companies Act 2006.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, the Companies Act 2006 and the company's Articles of Association. They comply with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard FRS 102 applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland.

### **Report from the Chair of the Board.**

*In writing this introduction to the Trustees report, I am very conscious of the deep commitment of Board members to helping us 'think through', - as best we can - a number of complex issues in our society from an explicitly Christian perspective. We believe that it is important to do just this, given that so much public discussion is reduced to a sound bite or short slogan. Life for many is often very demanding and very complicated, and so careful thought and good understanding of any subject is essential if we are to face the challenges of modern life with any confidence.*

*As a small voluntary organisation, we are extremely indebted to many people for their active help, support and encouragement. They know who they are. Thank you so much!*

*Looking to the future, we are constantly adjusting how we do our work, and reflecting on exactly where we should put our resources and energies. We are confident that active partnerships with others is important for both them, and ourselves, and we expect to be in such partnerships over the next few years as circumstances allow.*

*Given the perilous state of so much of political and civic life, high quality Christian thinking can help chart a way through the current distress and deep angst about the future. As the book of Proverbs so clearly puts it: Where there is no vision, the people perish. Clearly, we do not have all the answers nor an all-encompassing vision, but under God we will seek to play our part in building such a vision for the future.*

The Trustees are pleased to submit this formal report as required under the relevant legislation.

### **Objectives and activities**

The Purpose of Contemporary Christianity (Northern Ireland) is...*"to promote the Christian religion and in particular (but not exclusively) to bring biblical principles to bear on the outworking of faith in Northern Ireland"*. In planning our activities we keep our Aims and Objectives under review and our stated public benefit as approved in our NI Charities Commission registration.

With its roots in the Evangelical community, Contemporary Christianity (Northern Ireland) Limited works across the Christian traditions to address the challenges of... living out biblical faith in a changing world. We seek to draw on the lessons learned through nearly 40 years of community conflict, in which a concern for the faithful understanding of the biblical text and an outworking of the mission of God as the reconciliation of all things in Christ, were critical in enabling Christians to challenge their communal loyalties and engage with the work of peace building and community relations.

# CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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Contemporary Christianity (Northern Ireland) Limited is committed to help churches and faith-based communities engage with challenges of a rapidly changing society. We work with a range of organisations across the Christian traditions and seek to provide a relevant programme of activities.

The benefits which flow from this purpose include challenging people of faith across Northern Ireland to think about their faith and its implications in their communities. Contemporary Christianity provides a "safe space" for conversations which might be more difficult to organise on a church or denominational basis. Some of this work is done by the organisation and some is done by working in partnership with other organisations. Through this the local Christian Community can be challenged, disturbed and encouraged to reflect theologically on real issues and review their lifestyle and practice.

These benefits are evidenced through opportunities to open up and consider contemporary real life issues which affect how people live out their faith in our divided communities. These benefits are advanced through a range of events, meetings and conversations organised to challenge Christians across our communities.

The beneficiaries of this purpose are primarily those involved in church and community relations across N Ireland who are willing to encourage engagement with these types of issues to enhance their citizenship.

### **Our STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE and MANAGEMENT.**

Organisation. The Board of Directors administers the charity. We were pleased to have Dr Lisa Whitten join the Board in December 2022. During 2022/23, we held four hybrid Board meetings and one Zoom meeting.

We are endeavouring to improve and refresh our website, as a resource to promote engagement on the issues we are working on.

Our Memorandum and Articles of Association were reviewed in November 2009. In October 2014, we registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland – (NIC100585). We have been a member of NICVA since 2016.

We communicate to our database of friends by email, by our website, and by social media. Through these, we have endeavoured to maintain meaningful contact. We appreciated more personal contact this year with the Covid 19 restrictions now well behind us.

### **ENSURING OUR WORK DELIVERS OUR AIMS.**

Vision: We desire to see the Christian community in Ireland nurture a radical biblical faith in God, who in Jesus Christ reconciles the world, restores human relationships and redeems all of life and creation.

Mission: We are committed to develop the knowledge and personal skills needed among Christians and churches to serve their communities at critical points of cultural contention, communal conflict and social change, by becoming a place where they can access biblical resources and practical support.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

The Board is so grateful to God for the continued support of a faithful small group of regular donors. We continue to be vigilant in effecting economies and maintaining a reasonable cash flow.

# CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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### **Achievements and performance**

We work entirely as a volunteer organisation and we are fortunate to have a highly committed Board. We are profoundly grateful to a small group of faithful supporters who maintain their regular financial support to enable us to carry forward our work and ministry. We keep them informed of the direction of travel as we develop an interim strategy.

We were pleased to restart in person events in October 2022.

We rent an office in the Inter-Church Centre of the Irish Council of Churches and we benefit greatly from being located with the Irish Council of Churches and other organisations.

### Conversation

Recognising that our ECONI "roots" were essentially people with passion volunteering to work together to challenge the church, society and also local political leaders, this approach has inspired occasional "conversations" on current and relevant topics. The series we commenced in year is known as "In These Times" events. Three evenings were held in Ulster University new Belfast Campus on York Street. In October 2022, Prof Duncan Morrow presented... A Christian Perspective on the world of Politics from Northern Ireland

In January 2023 three speakers, Jonny Currie, Prof. Ciara Fitzpatrick, and Danielle McElhinney, each involved in challenging Poverty across NI, spoke on...How do Christians respond to the reality of Poverty in their midst?

In February 2023 the subject of ... Nichola Mallon, former MLA for North Belfast and former Minister for Infrastructure in NI Executive explored Poverty Causes and Cures.

Video recordings of these events are available on our website.

Publications of ...PS... blogs was our regular activity for engagement over the year. Most months we posted two ...PS...blogs. We are grateful to a wide range of writers who make this possible. Each blog was on a topical theme and provided scope for reflection and reaction.

Other Activities: We hosted virtual monthly meetings of the Churches Initiative Group (C.I.G), and welcomed some new members to that group.

Communications: We rely heavily on e-communications as the only cost effective way of informing and dissemination of information and notice of events to our supporters and wider contacts.

Email: [info@contemporarychristianity.net](mailto:info@contemporarychristianity.net)

Website: [www.contemporarychristianity.net](http://www.contemporarychristianity.net)

We have both Facebook and Twitter social media connections.

# CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED

## TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT) (CONTINUED)

*FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023*

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### Financial review

The Board is so grateful to God for the continued support of a faithful small group of regular donors. We continue to be vigilant in effecting economies and maintaining a reasonable cash flow, and are encouraging new supporters to help us with a small monthly donation.

### Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the charity that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six month's expenditure. The trustees considers that reserves at this level will ensure that, in the event of a significant drop in funding, they will be able to continue the charity's current activities while consideration is given to ways in which additional funds may be raised. This level of reserves has been maintained throughout the year.

### Changes to the Board Directors

*Dr Lisa Whitten joined on 14th December 2022*

### Risk Management

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

### Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr S Adams

Ms C Bollaert

Mr J Currie

Mr C Neill

(Resigned 29 June 2022)

Rev Dr M White-Dundas

Rev Dr N Hamilton OBE

Dr J Kyle


Miss H Taylor

Mr J McGrath

Dr L Whitten

(Appointed 14 Decemeber 2022)

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

  
Mr S Adams

Trustee

Dated: 28/11/2023

  
Dr J Kyle

Trustee

Dated: 28/11/2023

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 100585

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# Annual return

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# CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED

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I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023, which are set out on pages 8 to 18.

#### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees, who are also the directors of Contemporary Christianity (Northern Ireland) Limited for the purposes of company law, are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 and that an independent examination is needed.

Having satisfied myself that the charity is not subject to audit under company law and is eligible for independent examination, it is my responsibility to:

- (i) examine the accounts under section 65 of the 2008 Act;
- (ii) to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 65 of the 2008 Act; and
- (iii) to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the next statement.

#### **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006; and
  - (ii) to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records, comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the Companies Act 2006 and with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities;have not been met or

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

**TO THE TRUSTEES OF CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIANITY (NORTHERN IRELAND) LIMITED**

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(b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

*JL Grant*

Lowry Grant FCCA  
For, and on behalf of,  
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Dated: .....