

# African Missions Northern Ireland Limited

Northern Ireland · Charity number 100816

## Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-01-12
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register</a>

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## Activities

**Purposes:** The advancement of the Christian religion by the promotion of the work of the Society of African Missions ("The Society") by acting as trustees and by taking over from the existing trustees or owners property of every nature and kind held upon trust for the religious congregation known as The Society including in particular but without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing description, churches and chapels, seminaries, colleges, schools, presbyteries, halls, hostels, graveyards, farms, estates, dwelling houses, business premises, buildings and rents or rent charges, and lands and hereditaments of every description and tenure.

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

**How the charity works:** Education/training, Overseas aid/famine relief, Religious activities, Welfare/benevolent

**Who the charity helps:** Adult training, General public, Overseas/developing countries, Volunteers

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£758,612	£652,672	£-5,898,067	27

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Fr Colum O'shea		
Fr Jarlath Walsh		
Fr John Timothy Dunne		
Fr Joseph Egan		
Fr Kevin Conway		
Fr Malachy Flanagan		
Fr Patrick O'rourke		

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# Accounts

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Company Registration Number: NI033371  
Charity Number: 100816

**African Missions Northern Ireland Limited**  
(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)

**Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements**

**for the financial year ended 31 December 2024**

Daly Park & Company Ltd  
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors  
6 Trevor Hill  
Newry  
Co. Down  
BT34 1DN

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## **African Missions Northern Ireland Limited**

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### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

<b>Trustees</b>	Rev Malachy Flanagan Rev John Brown Rev Damian Bresnahan Rev Eamonn Finnegan Rev Anthony Kelly Rev Jarlath Walsh Rev Colum Patrick O'Shea Rev John Dunne (Appointed 14 March 2025) Rev Martin Kavanagh (Resigned 14 March 2025)
<b>Company Secretary</b>	Mr Paul Murphy
<b>Charity Number in Northern Ireland</b>	100816
<b>Company Registration Number</b>	NI033371
<b>Registered Office and Principal Address</b>	96 Glen Road Jerretspass Newry Co. Down BT34 1RH
<b>Auditors</b>	Daly Park & Company Ltd Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors 6 Trevor Hill Newry Co. Down BT34 1DN
<b>Principal Bankers</b>	First Trust Bank 42-44 Hill Street Newry Co. Down BT34 1AU Northern Ireland
<b>Solicitors</b>	Luke Curran & Co 6 Marcus Square Newry Co. Down BT34 1AY United Kingdom

# **African Missions Northern Ireland Limited**

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## **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of African Missions Northern Ireland Limited present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 December 2024.

The charity is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP effective January 2015), the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

### **Mission, Objectives and Strategy**

#### **Objectives**

The charitable purpose of the Society of African Missions (SMA) is the advancement of education and religion.

The direct benefits which flow from the SMA purpose include improved spiritual awareness and religious well being as a result of various aspects of work undertaken by The Society. These benefits are demonstrated through feedback from the general public together with evaluations provided by attendees at conferences and retreats held at The Society's facilities. The purposes of The Society are entirely beneficial and do not lead to any harm. The beneficiaries of The Society's purposes are general public to include people living within the island of Ireland who wish to explore and enhance their spiritual and religious welfare. A private benefit to trustees may arise due to their facilitation of conferences, courses and other educational activities. Through such activities trustees gain skills and experience which are transferable to other settings. These benefits are incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to The Society's beneficiaries.

The Society ensures the upkeep, maintenance and provision of a retreat and conference centre offering a modern, comfortable, well equipped facility in the most idyllic of rural settings away from the noise and distractions of everyday life. The beautiful grounds, tranquil, peaceful atmosphere along with the modern facilities make it the perfect venue for retreats and conferences.

#### **Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance**

Each year The Society is involved in the organisation and running of an Annual Open Day and Family Fun Day together with the facilitation of weekly residential camps during the summer months attended by teenagers which cumulatively cater for up to 20,000 people each year.

Provision of funding for the purpose of work carried out by The Society of African Missions primarily in the African continent. SMA missionaries dedicate their lives to providing help and support to the people of Africa and in this capacity serve as pastors, teachers, health care workers, construction workers, farmers and in any other capacity that enables them to help the people of Africa. They provide training, education and practical support which encourage and assist the development of the necessary skills needed to become self sufficient and employable. SMA missionaries promote justice and peace through working with social service agencies, governments and in all other capacities for the purpose of providing help and assistance to those who are oppressed, impoverished and displaced.

#### **Financial Review**

The financial results for the year are fully detailed from pages 10 onwards and show the overall deficit for the year of £69,943. The closing reserves as at 31st December 2021 are £5,057,637. How these are made up can be seen in note 11 to the accounts. The trustees consider the financial results to be satisfactory.

#### **Financial Results**

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £11,183,501 (2023 - £11,170,120) and liabilities of £5,898,067 (2023 - £5,990,626). The net assets of the charity have increased by £105,940.

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**TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**  
for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

**Trustees**

The trustees who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Rev Malachy Flanagan  
Rev John Brown  
Rev Damian Bresnahan  
Rev Eamonn Finnegan  
Rev Anthony Kelly  
Rev Jarlath Walsh  
Rev Colum Patrick O'Shea  
Rev John Dunne (Appointed 14 March 2025)  
Rev Martin Kavanagh (Resigned 14 March 2025)

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the directors retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The secretary who served during the financial year was:

Mr Paul Murphy

**Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards**

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. African Missions Northern Ireland Limited subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Companies Act 2006
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

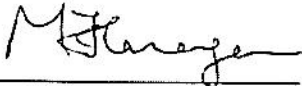
**Public Benefit**

The Society has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the Society's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

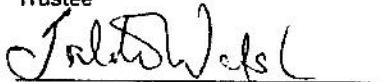
**The Auditors**

The auditors, Daly Park & Company Ltd. (Chartered Accountants) have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with the provisions of Section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Malachy Flanagan  
Trustee



Rev Jarlath Walsh  
Trustee

## African Missions Northern Ireland Limited

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### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

The trustees, who are also directors of African Missions Northern Ireland Limited for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the trustees as the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the trustees have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law) including FRS102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland". Under company law the trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the net income or expenditure of the charity for that period.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

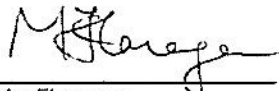
- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and 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 Companies Act 2006. They 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.

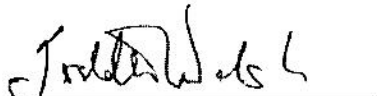
In so far as the trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information (information needed by the charity's auditor in connection with preparing the auditor's report) of which the charity's auditor is unaware, and
- the trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Malachy Flanagan  
Trustee



Rev Jarlath Walsh  
Trustee

# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

## **to the Members of African Missions Northern Ireland Limited**

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### **Report on the audit of the financial statements**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the charity financial statements of African Missions Northern Ireland Limited ('the charity') for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

In our opinion, when reporting in accordance with a fair presentation framework 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 surplus for the financial 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 Companies Act 2006.

#### **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 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 the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### **Other Information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. 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.

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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

#### **Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

#### **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' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept; 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
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report.

# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

## **to the Members of African Missions Northern Ireland Limited**

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### **Responsibilities of trustees for the financial statements**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on page 6, 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 they 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 management either intends to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or has 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.

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:

### **Further information regarding the scope of our responsibilities as auditor**

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

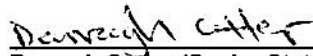
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditor's Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditor's Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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**to the Members of African Missions Northern Ireland Limited**  
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We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

**The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities**

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Darragh Cötter (Senior Statutory Auditor)**

for and on behalf of

**DALY PARK & COMPANY LTD**

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

6 Trevor Hill

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BT34 1DN

**27 October 2025**

**African Missions Northern Ireland Limited**  
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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)  
for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2024 £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Activities for generating funds	3.1	758,612	758,612	665,339	665,339
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
Charitable activities	4.1	652,672	652,672	561,650	561,650
<b>Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers</b>		<b>105,940</b>	<b>105,940</b>	103,689	103,689
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds for the financial year</b>		<b>105,940</b>	<b>105,940</b>	103,689	103,689
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds beginning of the year	11	5,179,494	5,179,494	5,075,805	5,075,805
<b>Total funds at the end of the year</b>		<b>5,285,434</b>	<b>5,285,434</b>	5,179,494	5,179,494

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the financial year.  
All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

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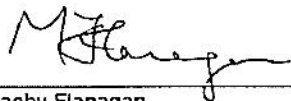
### BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2024

		2024	2023
	Notes	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	7	<u>10,994,539</u>	<u>10,991,393</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	8	188,905	178,671
Cash at bank and in hand		57	56
		<u>188,962</u>	<u>178,727</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	<u>(5,898,067)</u>	<u>(5,990,626)</u>
<b>Net Current Liabilities</b>		<u>(5,709,105)</u>	<u>(5,811,899)</u>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		<u>5,285,434</u>	<u>5,179,494</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
General fund (unrestricted)		<u>5,285,434</u>	<u>5,179,494</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	11	<u>5,285,434</u>	<u>5,179,494</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 27 October 2025 and signed on its behalf by



Rev Malachy Flanagan  
Trustee



Rev Jarlath Walsh  
Trustee

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

#### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

African Missions Northern Ireland Limited is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office of the company is 96 Glen Road, Jerretspass, Newry, Co. Down, BT34 1RH which is also the principal place of business of the company. The financial statements have been presented in Pound (£) which is also the functional currency of the company.

#### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

##### Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "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".

As permitted by the Companies Act 2006, the charity has varied the standard formats in that act for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. Departures from the standard formats are to comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP and are in compliance with section 4.7, 10.6 and 15.2 of that SORP.

##### Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 December 2024 have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "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".

##### Cash flow statement

The charity has availed of the exemption in FRS 102 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement because it is classified as a small charity.

##### Incoming Resources

Voluntary income or capital is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. Entitlement to legacies is considered established when the charity has been notified of a distribution to be made by the executors. Income received in advance of due performance under a contract is accounted for as deferred income until earned. Grants for activities are recognised as income when the related conditions for legal entitlement have been met. All other income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

##### Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Land and buildings freehold	-
Plant and machinery	- 20% Reducing balance
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 20% Reducing balance

##### Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Income recognised by the the charity from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at year end, is included in debtors.

##### Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand comprises cash on deposit at banks requiring less than three months notice of withdrawal.

##### Taxation

No current or deferred taxation arises as the charity has been granted charitable exemption. Irrecoverable valued added tax is expensed as incurred.

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for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

<b>3. INCOME</b>					
<b>3.1 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Conference Centre Income		<u>758,612</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>758,612</u>	<u>665,339</u>
<b>4. EXPENDITURE</b>					
<b>4.1 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>Direct Costs</b>	<b>Other Costs</b>	<b>Support Costs</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Governance Costs	<u>-</u>	<u>652,672</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>652,672</u>	<u>561,650</u>
<b>5. NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
				<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Net Incoming Resources are stated after charging/(crediting):</b>					
Depreciation of tangible assets				<u>14,882</u>	<u>14,096</u>
<b>6. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION</b>					
<b>Number of employees</b>					
The average number of persons employed (including executive trustees) during the financial year was as follows:					
				<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
				<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
Conference Centre				<u>27</u>	<u>20</u>
The staff costs comprise:					
				<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
				<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries				<u>288,941</u>	<u>242,951</u>
<b>7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS</b>					
		<b>Land and buildings freehold</b>	<b>Plant and machinery</b>	<b>Fixtures, fittings and equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 January 2024		10,935,011	36,649	473,212	11,444,872
Additions		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,028</u>	<u>18,028</u>
At 31 December 2024		<u>10,935,011</u>	<u>36,649</u>	<u>491,240</u>	<u>11,462,900</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 January 2024		-	28,118	425,361	453,479
Charge for the financial year		<u>-</u>	<u>1,706</u>	<u>13,176</u>	<u>14,882</u>
At 31 December 2024		<u>-</u>	<u>29,824</u>	<u>438,537</u>	<u>468,361</u>
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 31 December 2024		<u>10,935,011</u>	<u>6,825</u>	<u>52,703</u>	<u>10,994,539</u>
At 31 December 2023		<u>10,935,011</u>	<u>8,531</u>	<u>47,851</u>	<u>10,991,393</u>

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<b>8.</b>	<b>DEBTORS</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		£	£
	Prepayments and accrued income	<u>188,905</u>	<u>178,671</u>
<b>9.</b>	<b>CREDITORS</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
	Taxation and social security costs	19,029	9,207
	Other creditors	5,140,548	5,244,867
	Accruals and deferred income	738,490	736,552
		<u>5,898,067</u>	<u>5,990,626</u>
<b>10.</b>	<b>RESERVES</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
		£	£
	At the beginning of the year	5,179,494	5,075,805
	Surplus for the financial year	105,940	103,689
	At the end of the year	<u>5,285,434</u>	<u>5,179,494</u>
<b>11.</b>	<b>FUNDS</b>		
<b>11.1</b>	<b>RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Total Funds</b>
		£	£
	At 1 January 2023	5,075,805	5,075,805
	Movement during the financial year	103,689	103,689
	At 31 December 2023	5,179,494	5,179,494
	Movement during the financial year	105,940	105,940
	At 31 December 2024	<u>5,285,434</u>	<u>5,285,434</u>
<b>11.2</b>	<b>ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS</b>		
		Balance	Income
		1 January	Expenditure
		2024	Transfers
		£	between
		£	funds
		£	£
	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>		Balance
	Unrestricted General	5,179,494	31 December
		758,612	2024
		652,672	£
		-	£
	<b>Total funds</b>	<u>5,179,494</u>	<u>5,285,434</u>
		<u>758,612</u>	<u>5,285,434</u>
		<u>652,672</u>	<u>5,285,434</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>5,285,434</u>
<b>11.3</b>	<b>ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND</b>		
		Fixed	Current
		assets	assets
		- charity use	Current
		£	liabilities
		£	£
	Unrestricted general funds	10,994,539	188,962
		(5,898,067)	5,285,434
		<u>10,994,539</u>	<u>188,962</u>
		<u>(5,898,067)</u>	<u>5,285,434</u>

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for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

**12. STATUS**

The charity is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

The liability of the members is limited.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while they are members, or within one year thereafter, for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1.

**13. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the financial year-end.

**AFRICAN MISSIONS NORTHERN IRELAND LIMITED**  
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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

**NOT COVERED BY THE REPORT OF THE AUDITORS**

**African Missions Northern Ireland Limited**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Operating Statement

for the financial year ended 31 December 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Income</b>		
Retreat & Conference Centre Income	758,612	665,339
	<u>758,612</u>	<u>665,339</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Wages and salaries	288,941	242,951
Light and heat	91,775	92,038
Kitchenware	9,665	6,771
Repairs and maintenance	33,603	29,753
Upkeep of Grounds	14,686	10,800
Establishment - Other	5,980	3,717
Maintenance Fees	8,030	7,496
Printing, postage and stationery	2,233	5,773
Telephone	9,423	6,940
Computer costs	6,600	3,120
Travelling and entertainment	1,785	2,757
Accountancy	4,935	5,079
Provisions and supplies	160,134	130,359
Depreciation	14,882	14,096
	<u>652,672</u>	<u>561,650</u>
<b>Net surplus</b>	<u>105,940</u>	<u>103,689</u>

**African Missions Northern Ireland Limited**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100816

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# Accounts

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**African Missions Northern Ireland Limited**  
(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
(Incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account)  
for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Activities for generating funds	3.1	665,339	665,339	510,108	510,108
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
Charitable activities	4.1	561,650	561,650	491,940	491,940
<b>Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers</b>		<b>103,689</b>	<b>103,689</b>	<b>18,168</b>	<b>18,168</b>
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds for the financial year</b>		<b>103,689</b>	<b>103,689</b>	<b>18,168</b>	<b>18,168</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds:</b>					
Total funds beginning of the year	11	5,075,805	5,075,805	5,057,637	5,057,637
<b>Total funds at the end of the year</b>		<b>5,179,494</b>	<b>5,179,494</b>	<b>5,075,805</b>	<b>5,075,805</b>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the financial year.  
All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

## African Missions Northern Ireland Limited

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Company Number: NI033371

### BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2023

		2023	2022
	Notes	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	7	<u>10,991,393</u>	<u>10,985,053</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	8	178,671	158,525
Cash at bank and in hand		56	56
		<u>178,727</u>	<u>158,581</u>
<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	9	<u>(5,990,626)</u>	<u>(6,067,829)</u>
<b>Net Current Liabilities</b>		<u>(5,811,899)</u>	<u>(5,909,248)</u>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		<u>5,179,494</u>	<u>5,075,805</u>
<b>Funds</b>			
General fund (unrestricted)		<u>5,179,494</u>	<u>5,075,805</u>
<b>Total funds</b>	11	<u>5,179,494</u>	<u>5,075,805</u>

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 23 September 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Rev Damian Bresnahan  
Trustee



Rev Jarlath Walsh  
Trustee

## **African Missions Northern Ireland Limited**

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### **NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

#### **1. GENERAL INFORMATION**

African Missions Northern Ireland Limited is a company limited by guarantee incorporated in Northern Ireland. The registered office of the company is 96 Glen Road, Jerretspass, Newry, Co. Down, BT34 1RH which is also the principal place of business of the company. The financial statements have been presented in Pound (£) which is also the functional currency of the company.

#### **2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

##### **Basis of preparation**

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "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".

As permitted by the Companies Act 2006, the charity has varied the standard formats in that act for the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet. Departures from the standard formats are to comply with the requirements of the Charities SORP and are in compliance with section 4.7, 10.6 and 15.2 of that SORP.

##### **Statement of compliance**

The financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 December 2021 have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "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".

##### **Cash flow statement**

The charity has availed of the exemption in FRS 102 from the requirement to produce a cash flow statement because it is classified as a small charity.

##### **Incoming Resources**

Voluntary income or capital is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. Entitlement to legacies is considered established when the charity has been notified of a distribution to be made by the executors. Income received in advance of due performance under a contract is accounted for as deferred income until earned. Grants for activities are recognised as income when the related conditions for legal entitlement have been met. All other income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

##### **Tangible fixed assets and depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Land and buildings freehold	-	
Plant and machinery	-	20% Reducing balance
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	-	20% Reducing balance

##### **Debtors**

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Income recognised by the the charity from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at year end, is included in debtors.

##### **Cash at bank and in hand**

Cash at bank and in hand comprises cash on deposit at banks requiring less than three months notice of withdrawal.

##### **Taxation**

No current or deferred taxation arises as the charity has been granted charitable exemption. Irrecoverable valued added tax is expensed as incurred.

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<b>3. INCOME</b>					
<b>3.1 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES</b>		<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Conference Centre Income		<u>665,339</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>665,339</u>	<u>510,108</u>
<b>4. EXPENDITURE</b>					
<b>4.1 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>Direct Costs</b>	<b>Other Costs</b>	<b>Support Costs</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Governance Costs	<u>-</u>	<u>561,650</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>561,650</u>	<u>491,940</u>
<b>5. NET INCOMING RESOURCES</b>				<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
				<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Net Incoming Resources are stated after charging/(crediting):</b>					
Depreciation of tangible assets				<u>14,096</u>	<u>12,510</u>
<b>6. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION</b>					
<b>Number of employees</b>					
The average number of persons employed (including executive trustees) during the financial year was as follows:					
				<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
				<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
Conference Centre				<u>20</u>	<u>16</u>
The staff costs comprise:					
				<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
				<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries				<u>242,951</u>	<u>199,318</u>
<b>7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS</b>					
		<b>Land and buildings freehold</b>	<b>Plant and machinery</b>	<b>Fixtures, fittings and equipment</b>	<b>Total</b>
		<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>					
At 1 January 2023		10,935,011	36,649	452,776	11,424,436
Additions		-	-	20,436	20,436
At 31 December 2023		<u>10,935,011</u>	<u>36,649</u>	<u>473,212</u>	<u>11,444,872</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>					
At 1 January 2023		-	25,985	413,398	439,383
Charge for the financial year		-	2,133	11,963	14,096
At 31 December 2023		<u>-</u>	<u>28,118</u>	<u>425,361</u>	<u>453,479</u>
<b>Net book value</b>					
At 31 December 2023		<u>10,935,011</u>	<u>8,531</u>	<u>47,851</u>	<u>10,991,393</u>
At 31 December 2022		<u>10,935,011</u>	<u>10,664</u>	<u>39,378</u>	<u>10,985,053</u>

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<b>8. DEBTORS</b>		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		£	£
Prepayments and accrued income		<u>178,671</u>	<u>158,525</u>
<b>9. CREDITORS</b>		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>		£	£
Taxation and social security costs		9,207	15,961
Other creditors		5,244,867	5,313,260
Accruals and deferred income		736,552	738,608
		<u>5,990,626</u>	<u>6,067,829</u>
<b>10. RESERVES</b>		<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
		£	£
At the beginning of the year		5,075,805	5,057,637
Surplus for the financial year		103,689	18,168
At the end of the year		<u>5,179,494</u>	<u>5,075,805</u>
<b>11. FUNDS</b>			
<b>11.1 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>		<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Total</b>
		Funds	Funds
		£	£
At 1 January 2022		5,057,637	5,057,637
Movement during the financial year		18,168	18,168
At 31 December 2022		5,075,805	5,075,805
Movement during the financial year		103,689	103,689
At 31 December 2023		<u>5,179,494</u>	<u>5,179,494</u>
<b>11.2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS</b>			
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>Expenditure</b>
	<b>1 January</b>		
	<b>2023</b>		
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
Unrestricted General	5,075,805	665,339	561,650
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>5,075,805</u>	<u>665,339</u>	<u>561,650</u>
		<b>Transfers</b>	<b>Balance</b>
		<b>between</b>	<b>31 December</b>
		<b>funds</b>	<b>2023</b>
		£	£
		-	5,179,494
		-	<u>5,179,494</u>
<b>11.3 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND</b>			
		<b>Fixed</b>	<b>Current</b>
		<b>assets</b>	<b>assets</b>
		<b>- charity use</b>	<b>Current</b>
		£	<b>liabilities</b>
		£	£
Unrestricted general funds	10,991,393	178,727	(5,990,626)
	<u>10,991,393</u>	<u>178,727</u>	<u>(5,990,626)</u>
			<u>5,179,494</u>

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**12. STATUS**

The charity is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

The liability of the members is limited.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while they are members, or within one year thereafter, for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding £1.

**13. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the financial year-end.

**African Missions Northern Ireland Limited**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100816

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# Annual report

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## **African Missions Northern Ireland Limited**

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### **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

The trustees present their Trustees' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The trustees of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the trustees of African Missions Northern Ireland Limited present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 December 2023.

The charity is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP effective January 2015), the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

#### **Mission, Objectives and Strategy**

##### **Objectives**

The charitable purpose of the Society of African Missions (SMA) is the advancement of education and religion.

The direct benefits which flow from the SMA purpose include improved spiritual awareness and religious well being as a result of various aspects of work undertaken by The Society. These benefits are demonstrated through feedback from the general public together with evaluations provided by attendees at conferences and retreats held at The Society's facilities. The purposes of The Society are entirely beneficial and do not lead to any harm. The beneficiaries of The Society's purposes are general public to include people living within the island of Ireland who wish to explore and enhance their spiritual and religious welfare. A private benefit to trustees may arise due to their facilitation of conferences, courses and other educational activities. Through such activities trustees gain skills and experience which are transferable to other settings. These benefits are incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to The Society's beneficiaries.

The Society ensures the upkeep, maintenance and provision of a retreat and conference centre offering a modern, comfortable, well equipped facility in the most idyllic of rural settings away from the noise and distractions of everyday life. The beautiful grounds, tranquil, peaceful atmosphere along with the modern facilities make it the perfect venue for retreats and conferences.

##### **Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance**

Each year The Society is involved in the organisation and running of an Annual Open Day and Family Fun Day together with the facilitation of weekly residential camps during the summer months attended by teenagers which cumulatively cater for up to 20,000 people each year.

Provision of funding for the purpose of work carried out by The Society of African Missions primarily in the African continent. SMA missionaries dedicate their lives to providing help and support to the people of Africa and in this capacity serve as pastors, teachers, health care workers, construction workers, farmers and in any other capacity that enables them to help the people of Africa. They provide training, education and practical support which encourage and assist the development of the necessary skills needed to become self sufficient and employable. SMA missionaries promote justice and peace through working with social service agencies, governments and in all other capacities for the purpose of providing help and assistance to those who are oppressed, impoverished and displaced.

##### **Financial Review**

The financial results for the year are fully detailed from pages 10 onwards and show the overall deficit for the year of £69,943. The closing reserves as at 31st December 2021 are £5,057,637. How these are made up can be seen in note 11 to the accounts. The trustees consider the financial results to be satisfactory.

##### **Financial Results**

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £11,170,120 (2022 - £11,143,634) and liabilities of £5,990,626 (2022 - £6,067,829). The net assets of the charity have increased by £103,689.

## **African Missions Northern Ireland Limited**

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### **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

#### **Trustees**

The trustees who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Rev John Brown  
Rev Malachy Flanagan  
Rev Martin Kavanagh  
Rev Damian Bresnahan  
Rev Eamonn Finnegan  
Rev Anthony Kelly  
Rev Jarlath Walsh  
Rev Colum Patrick O'Shea

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the directors retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

The secretary who served during the financial year was:

Mr Paul Murphy

#### **Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards**

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. African Missions Northern Ireland Limited subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Companies Act 2006
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

#### **Public Benefit**

The Society has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities entered into during the year have helped to achieve the Society's objectives and activities, as well as providing public benefit.

#### **The Auditors**

The auditors, Daly Park & Company Ltd, (Chartered Accountants) have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with the provisions of Section 485 of the Companies Act 2006.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 23 September 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Damian Bresnahan  
Trustee



Rev Jarlath Walsh  
Trustee

**African Missions Northern Ireland Limited**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100816

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# Annual return

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# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

## **to the Members of African Missions Northern Ireland Limited**

**(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)**

### **Report on the audit of the financial statements**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the charity financial statements of African Missions Northern Ireland Limited ('the charity') for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating an Income and Expenditure Account), the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

In our opinion, when reporting in accordance with a fair presentation framework 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 surplus for the financial 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 Companies Act 2006.

#### **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 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 the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### **Other Information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. 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.

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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

#### **Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

#### **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' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept; 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
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report.

# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

## **to the Members of African Missions Northern Ireland Limited**

**(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)**

### **Responsibilities of trustees for the financial statements**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on page 6, 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 they 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 management either intends to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or has 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.

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:

### **Further information regarding the scope of our responsibilities as auditor**

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditor's Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditor's Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**  
**to the Members of African Missions Northern Ireland Limited**  
(A company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital)

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

**The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities**

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



**Jonathan Abbott (Senior Statutory Auditor)**  
for and on behalf of  
**DALY PARK & COMPANY LTD**  
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors  
6 Trevor Hill  
Newry  
Co. Down  
BT34 1DN

**23 September 2024**

**African Missions Northern Ireland Limited**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100816

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# Accounts

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**Society of African Missions (NI Communities)**  
**Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements**  
**for the financial year ended 31 December 2022**

**Daly Park & Company Ltd**  
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# **Society of African Missions (NI Communities)**

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**Society of African Missions (NI Communities)**  
**TRUSTEES' AND OTHER INFORMATION**

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# Society of African Missions (NI Communities) TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

The trustees present their Trustees' Report and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines.

In this report the trustees of Society of African Missions (NI Communities) present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 December 2022.

## Mission, Objectives and Strategy

### Objectives

The charitable purpose of the Society of African Missions (SMA) is the advancement of education and religion.

The direct benefits which flow from the SMA purpose include improved spiritual awareness and religious well being as a result of various aspects of work undertaken by The Society. These benefits are demonstrated through feedback from the general public together with evaluations provided by attendees at conferences and retreats held at The Society's facilities. The purposes of The Society are entirely beneficial and do not lead to any harm. The beneficiaries of The Society's purposes are the general public to include people living within the island of Ireland who wish to explore and enhance their spiritual and religious welfare. A private benefit to trustees may arise due to their facilitation of conferences, courses and other educational activities. Through such activities trustees gain skills and experience which are transferable to other settings. These benefits are incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to The Society's beneficiaries.

The Society ensures the upkeep, maintenance and provision of a retreat and conference centre offering a modern, comfortable, well equipped facility in the most idyllic of rural settings away from the noise and distractions of everyday life. The beautiful grounds, tranquil, peaceful atmosphere along with the modern facilities make it the perfect venue for retreats and conferences.

### Results and Dividends

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £303,177 (2021 - £307,890) and liabilities of £169,795 (2021 - £183,435). The net assets of the charity have increased by £8,927.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the directors retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

### Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Society of African Missions (NI Communities) subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 20 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Damian Bresnahan  
Trustee



Rev Jarlath Walsh  
Trustee

**Society of African Missions (NI Communities)**  
**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

The trustees are responsible for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the charity as at the financial year end date and of the surplus or deficit of the charity and otherwise comply with the Charities Act 2011.

In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the relevant financial reporting framework, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and 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. They 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 Board of Trustees on 20 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Damian Bresnahan  
Trustee



Rev Jarlath Walsh  
Trustee

# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

## **to the Members of Society of African Missions (NI Communities)**

### **Report on the audit of the financial statements**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the charity financial statements of Society of African Missions (NI Communities) ('the charity') for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

In our opinion, when reporting in accordance with a fair presentation framework 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 surplus for the financial 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 (Northern Ireland) 2008.

#### **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 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 the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### **Other Information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. 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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#### **Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

## **to the Members of Society of African Missions (NI Communities)**

### **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 (Northern Ireland) 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept; 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
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### **Responsibilities of trustees for the financial statements**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on page 5, 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 they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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### **Further information regarding the scope of our responsibilities as auditor**

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

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- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditor's Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditor's Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
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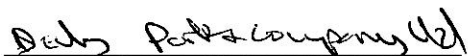
# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

## **to the Members of Society of African Missions (NI Communities)**

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

### **The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities**

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors

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**20 October 2023**

**Society of African Missions (NI Communities)**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES**  
for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Incoming Resources</b>					
Voluntary Income	3.1	154,607	154,607	105,035	105,035
Charitable activities					
- Grants from governments and other co-funders	3.2	230,028	230,028	91,800	91,800
Activities for generating funds	3.3	1,112,520	1,112,520	731,171	731,171
Investments	3.4	20,757	20,757	17,727	17,727
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		<b>1,517,912</b>	<b>1,517,912</b>	<b>945,733</b>	<b>945,733</b>
<b>Resources Expended</b>					
Charitable activities	4.1	1,291,596	1,291,596	922,905	922,905
<b>Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers before exceptional items</b>		<b>226,316</b>	<b>226,316</b>	<b>22,828</b>	<b>22,828</b>
Exceptional items		-	-	34,510	34,510
<b>Net incoming/outgoing resources before transfers after exceptional items</b>		<b>226,316</b>	<b>226,316</b>	<b>57,338</b>	<b>57,338</b>
Gross transfers between funds		(217,389)	(217,389)	(45,974)	(45,974)
<b>Net movement in funds for the financial year</b>		<b>8,927</b>	<b>8,927</b>	<b>11,364</b>	<b>11,364</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Balances brought forward at 1 January 2022	12	124,455	124,455	113,091	113,091
<b>Balances carried forward at 31 December 2022</b>		<b>133,382</b>	<b>133,382</b>	<b>124,455</b>	<b>124,455</b>

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the financial year. All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

## Society of African Missions (NI Communities)

### BALANCE SHEET

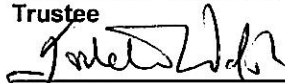
as at 31 December 2022

		2022	2021
	Notes	£	£
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Tangible assets	8	11,693	15,591
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Current Assets</b>			
Debtors	9	24,797	-
Cash at bank and in hand		266,687	292,299
		<hr/>	<hr/>
		291,484	292,299
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<b>Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year</b>	10	(169,795)	(183,435)
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Net Current Assets</b>		121,689	108,864
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Total Assets less Current Liabilities</b>		133,382	124,455
		<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
<b>Funds</b>			
General fund (unrestricted)		133,382	124,455
		<hr/>	<hr/>
<b>Total funds</b>	12	133,382	124,455
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Approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by

 *Rev Damian Bresnahan sma.*

Rev Damian Bresnahan  
Trustee

  
Rev Jarlath Walsh  
Trustee

# Society of African Missions (NI Communities)

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

### 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Society of African Missions (NI Communities) is a charity in Northern Ireland. The registered office of the company is 96 Glen Road, Dromantine, Jerretspass, Newry, Co. Down, BT34 1RH which is also the principal place of business of the company. The financial statements have been presented in Pound Sterling (£) which is also the functional currency of the company.

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

#### Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the charity for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "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".

#### Incoming Resources

Voluntary income or capital is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. Entitlement to legacies is considered established when the charity has been notified of a distribution to be made by the executors. Income received in advance of due performance under a contract is accounted for as deferred income until earned. Grants for activities are recognised as income when the related conditions for legal entitlement have been met. All other income is accounted for on an accruals basis.

#### Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives as follows:

Motor vehicles - 25% Reducing balance

#### Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Income recognised by the the charity from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at year end, is included in debtors.

#### Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand comprises cash on deposit at banks requiring less than three months notice of withdrawal.

#### Taxation

No current or deferred taxation arises as the charity has been granted charitable exemption. Irrecoverable valued added tax is expensed as incurred.

### 3. INCOME

3.1 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £	2021 £
Covenant Income	20,163	-	20,163	10
Other Donations	46,088	-	46,088	25,330
FVC Group Income	45,297	-	45,297	44,789
Mission Boxes	43,059	-	43,059	34,906
	<u>154,607</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>154,607</u>	<u>105,035</u>

**Society of African Missions (NI Communities)**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

3.2 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £	2021 £	
Family Fun Day	35,799	-	35,799	33,859	
Mass Stipends	40,809	-	40,809	55,641	
SMA Summer Camp	104,177	-	104,177	-	
Honorarium	11,422	-	11,422	2,300	
Annual Daw	37,821	-	37,821	-	
	<u>230,028</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>230,028</u>	<u>91,800</u>	
3.3 OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £	2021 £	
Missionary Association Cards	535,145	-	535,145	595,832	
Retreat & Conference Centre Receipts	551,607	-	551,607	104,708	
Novena	25,768	-	25,768	30,631	
	<u>1,112,520</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,112,520</u>	<u>731,171</u>	
3.4 INVESTMENTS	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	2022 £	2021 £	
Investments	<u>20,757</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,757</u>	<u>17,727</u>	
4. EXPENDITURE					
4.1 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Direct Costs £	Other Costs £	Support Costs £	2022 £	2021 £
Fundraising and Events Expenditure	86,602	-	-	86,602	28,581
Other Resources Expended	-	495,433	-	495,433	356,398
Governance Costs (Note 4.2)	-	709,561	-	709,561	537,926
	<u>86,602</u>	<u>1,204,994</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,291,596</u>	<u>922,905</u>
4.2 GOVERNANCE COSTS	Direct Costs £	Other Costs £	Support Costs £	2022 £	2021 £
Charitable activities - governance costs	-	709,561	-	709,561	537,926
5. NET INCOMING RESOURCES				2022 £	2021 £
<b>Net Incoming Resources are stated after charging/(crediting):</b>					
Depreciation of tangible assets				3,898	5,198
(Surplus)/deficit on foreign currencies				(721)	572
Grants receivable received				-	(34,510)
				<u>-</u>	<u>(34,510)</u>
6. INVESTMENT AND OTHER INCOME				2022 £	2021 £
Revenue grants received				-	34,510
				<u>-</u>	<u>34,510</u>

**Society of African Missions (NI Communities)**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

<b>6. INVESTMENT AND OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Revenue grants received	-	34,510
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>7. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION</b>		
<b>Number of employees</b>		
The average number of persons employed (including executive trustees) during the financial year was as follows:		
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>Number</b>	<b>Number</b>
House Staff	<u>24</u>	<u>21</u>
The staff costs comprise:	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Wages and salaries	<u>441,726</u>	<u>378,634</u>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS</b>		
	<b>Motor</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>vehicles</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Cost</b>		
At 31 December 2022	<u>67,510</u>	<u>67,510</u>
<b>Depreciation</b>		
At 1 January 2022	51,919	51,919
Charge for the financial year	<u>3,898</u>	<u>3,898</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>55,817</u>	<u>55,817</u>
<b>Net book value</b>		
At 31 December 2022	<u>11,693</u>	<u>11,693</u>
At 31 December 2021	<u>15,591</u>	<u>15,591</u>
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>9. DEBTORS</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Other debtors	<u>24,797</u>	-
	<u>24,797</u>	-
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
<b>10. CREDITORS</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>Amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Bank overdrafts	<u>169,795</u>	<u>183,435</u>
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**Society of African Missions (NI Communities)**  
**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

**11. RESERVES**

	2022 £	2021 £
At 1 January 2022	124,455	113,091
Surplus for the financial year	226,316	57,338
At 31 December 2022	<u>350,771</u>	<u>170,429</u>

**12. FUNDS**

**12.1 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS**

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds £
At 1 January 2021	113,091	113,091
Movement during the financial year	11,364	11,364
At 31 December 2021	124,455	124,455
Movement during the financial year	8,927	8,927
At 31 December 2022	<u>133,382</u>	<u>133,382</u>

**12.2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS**

	Balance 1 January 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers between funds £	Balance 31 December 2022 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>					
Unrestricted General	124,455	1,517,912	1,291,596	(217,389)	133,382
<b>Total funds</b>	<u>124,455</u>	<u>1,517,912</u>	<u>1,291,596</u>	<u>(217,389)</u>	<u>133,382</u>

**12.3 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND**

	Fixed assets - charity use £	Current assets £	Total £
Unrestricted general funds	11,693	121,689	133,382
	<u>11,693</u>	<u>121,689</u>	<u>133,382</u>

**13. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS**

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the financial year-end.

**SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS (NI COMMUNITIES)**

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**NOT COVERED BY THE REPORT OF THE AUDITORS**

**Society of African Missions (NI Communities)**  
**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
Operating Statement  
for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Income</b>		
Missionary Association Cards	535,145	595,832
Retreat & Conference Centre Receipts	551,607	104,708
Family Fun Day	35,799	33,859
Covenant Income	20,163	10
Mass Stipends	40,809	55,641
SMA Summer Camp	104,177	-
Other Donations	46,088	25,330
FVC Group Income	45,297	44,789
Honorarium	11,422	2,300
Mission Boxes	43,059	34,906
Novena	25,768	30,631
Land & Property Rents	20,757	17,727
Annual Draw	37,821	-
	<u>1,517,912</u>	<u>945,733</u>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Wages and salaries	441,726	378,634
Staff training	9,683	2,291
Provisions and Supplies	185,608	68,956
Rates	667	661
Library Expenses	3,934	4,985
Allocation & Allowance	66,194	82,009
Light and heat	142,481	68,930
Repairs and maintenance	120,149	125,036
House Administration	6,350	6,036
Printing, postage and stationery	166,079	96,999
Telephone	14,043	17,106
Computer costs	513	729
Motor expenses	15,861	14,109
Fundraising and Events Expenditure	86,602	28,581
Accountancy	5,774	5,140
Bank charges	12,977	7,529
Surplus/deficit on exchange	(721)	572
General expenses	7,538	384
Depreciation	3,898	5,198
Charitable donations	2,240	9,020
	<u>1,291,596</u>	<u>922,905</u>
<b>Miscellaneous income</b>		
Revenue grants received	-	34,510
<b>Net surplus</b>	<u>226,316</u>	<u>57,338</u>

**African Missions Northern Ireland Limited**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 100816

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# Annual report

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# Society of African Missions (NI Communities) TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2022

The trustees present their Trustees' Report and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2022.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Trustees' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Trustees' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines.

In this report the trustees of Society of African Missions (NI Communities) present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 31 December 2022.

## Mission, Objectives and Strategy

### Objectives

The charitable purpose of the Society of African Missions (SMA) is the advancement of education and religion.

The direct benefits which flow from the SMA purpose include improved spiritual awareness and religious well being as a result of various aspects of work undertaken by The Society. These benefits are demonstrated through feedback from the general public together with evaluations provided by attendees at conferences and retreats held at The Society's facilities. The purposes of The Society are entirely beneficial and do not lead to any harm. The beneficiaries of The Society's purposes are the general public to include people living within the island of Ireland who wish to explore and enhance their spiritual and religious welfare. A private benefit to trustees may arise due to their facilitation of conferences, courses and other educational activities. Through such activities trustees gain skills and experience which are transferable to other settings. These benefits are incidental and necessary to ensure the benefit is provided to The Society's beneficiaries.

The Society ensures the upkeep, maintenance and provision of a retreat and conference centre offering a modern, comfortable, well equipped facility in the most idyllic of rural settings away from the noise and distractions of everyday life. The beautiful grounds, tranquil, peaceful atmosphere along with the modern facilities make it the perfect venue for retreats and conferences.

### Results and Dividends

At the end of the financial year the charity has assets of £303,177 (2021 - £307,890) and liabilities of £169,795 (2021 - £183,435). The net assets of the charity have increased by £8,927.

In accordance with the Articles of Association, the directors retire by rotation and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

### Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The charity engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Society of African Missions (NI Communities) subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 20 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:



Rev Damian Bresnahan  
Trustee



Rev Jarlath Walsh  
Trustee

**African Missions Northern Ireland Limited**

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# Annual return

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# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

## **to the Members of Society of African Missions (NI Communities)**

### **Report on the audit of the financial statements**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the charity financial statements of Society of African Missions (NI Communities) ('the charity') for the financial year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet and notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

In our opinion, when reporting in accordance with a fair presentation framework 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 surplus for the financial 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 (Northern Ireland) 2008.

#### **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 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 the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

#### **Other Information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. 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.

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 course of 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 this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. 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.

#### **Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

## **to the Members of Society of African Missions (NI Communities)**

### **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 (Northern Ireland) 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept; 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
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report.

### **Responsibilities of trustees for the financial statements**

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities set out on page 5, 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 they 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 management either intends to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or has 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.

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:

### **Further information regarding the scope of our responsibilities as auditor**

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditor's Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditor's Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

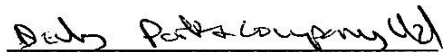
# **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

## **to the Members of Society of African Missions (NI Communities)**

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

### **The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities**

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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**20 October 2023**