

Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention

Northern Ireland · Charity number 101371

Details

Status Received

Registered 2015-02-20

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Activities

Purposes: To promote and support Christian Missionary work throughout the world.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Education/training, Grant making, Overseas aid/famine relief, Religious activities

Who the charity helps: General public, Overseas/developing countries

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£241,119	£331,385	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Cecil McWilliams		
Eddie Currie		
Lesley Stewart		
Norman Campbell		
Richard Donnan		
Ruth Manning		
Tania Baker		
Tom Clarke		
William Mateer		

Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention

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Accounts

Charity registration number NIC101371 (Northern Ireland)

BANGOR WORLDWIDE MISSIONARY CONVENTION
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

BANGOR WORLDWIDE MISSIONARY CONVENTION

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Trustees

Mr T Clarke - Chairman
Mr C McWilliams - Treasurer
Ms L Stewart - Secretary
Ms T Baker
Mr N Campbell
Mr E Currie
Mr R Donnan
Ms R Manning
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BANGOR WORLDWIDE MISSIONARY CONVENTION

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's constitution, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019).

Objectives and activities

Purpose

The purpose of Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention ("the Convention") is the advancement of religion.

Aims and objectives

To promote and further the Christian Faith and its practice and Global mission among men and women and young people, both at home and abroad in accordance with the teachings of the Bible, which is the word of God.

Vision and values

- For a growing number of people to go out from these shores to share the Gospel around the world.
- For a growing base of supporters at home who financially and prayerfully get behind the work.
- The Convention is open to all.

Public benefit

The trustees have considered the guidance on public benefit of the Charity Commission for NI and have ensured that our aims, objectives and activities have helped to achieve the charity's purposes and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

A. The direct benefits which flow from the Convention's purpose include:-

- Some of those who attend the Convention have subsequently participated in Christian Missionary work and secular development work around the world.
- Most who attend the Convention contribute gifts which are used to support Christian Missionary work around the world.
- Those who attend the Convention get information which helps them to actively support Christian Missionary work around the world.

B. These benefits are demonstrated through:-

- The personal reports from individuals who have become Christian Missionaries as a result of attending the Convention.
- The Convention's annual financial reports which show the extent of giving for the support of Christian Missionary work.
- Reports from Christian Missions which are represented at the Convention regarding the enrolment of supporters as a result of their attendance at the Convention.

C. The purpose of our charity causes no harm to any individuals.

D. The charity's beneficiaries are the general public throughout the world.

E. There is no private benefit flowing from the Convention's purpose.

Strategic priorities for the year

1. Promotion of Bangor Worldwide in Belfast, Dollingstown, Drumreagh, Magherafelt, Portstewart, Drogheda and Swords.
2. Enhance our connections with young people and young adults.
3. Make progress on the upgrade of our computer based financial process.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Achievements and performance

The 88th Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention took place between Friday 16th August to Sunday 25th August 2024 in Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church. Our theme was Reaching People Changing Lives.

We started again with a reception for missionaries, members of the Monday morning prayer meeting, friends of worldwide, some of our speakers and committee members. Most joined us for the opening prayer meeting where Paul Cooke, France Mission, brought a "Word of Encouragement".

The 20's & 30's Equip event on Friday night and Saturday was well attended. On Friday night Suzi Bartlett, ECM and Bob Fu spoke and on Saturday Taysir Abu Saada, Tass, joined them. It was encouraging to see this so well attended, due to providing a creche on Saturday morning. These were held in Hamilton Road Baptist, City Church/First Bangor.

Our opening event – "A Taste of India" featured an Indian meal in a local restaurant with 110 people attending. Lorraine led a short interview session with Isaac & Gloria Shaw from Delhi Bible Institute and Dr Beryl D'Souza-Vali from the Good Shepherd Healthcare Initiative who spoke later at the opening meeting. A couple of Pete Hansen's video clips were used and Colin Smith was interviewed about the morning Bible studies.

On Sunday night we continued the Partnership service in Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church. It was well attended, led by Colin Dickson who gave an overview of the Middle East and Jason Brodie interviewed Tass.

Average attendance at the morning prayer meetings was about 30. It was led each morning by a committee member and one of the speakers from the night before shared a Word of Encouragement and their prayer points to help us in our prayers.

Colin Smith led the morning Bible studies. He spoke from Psalm 23 and brought so much out of it. We ran a crèche and CEF led the children's Holiday Club again which also ran during the morning Bible studies.

It was great to have the Faith Mission Gospel truck, with us again this year. It was parked at the Marina from Monday – Friday and members of the public could visit for a cup of coffee, view the literature and chat to the team. Andrew Maybin, the team leader was very encouraged by the interest with hundreds of books and bibles given away throughout the week, with many people receiving prayer and many people signposted to a local church.

We had three seminars over the week. On Monday afternoon Pete Hanson spoke about storytelling opportunities through film making. On Friday afternoon Jim Memory spoke about the Fourth Lausanne Congress coming up in September 2024 in Seoul South Korea. The Seminar on Saturday morning was Growing the Church in difficult times. It was at Lisnabreen Presbyterian Church and featured David Meredith, John Moore, PCI and Shaun Abrahams of UFM.

On Monday evening our theme was the Far East and Pete Hansen spoke first about how the Lord led him into video ministry and shared about some of his mission trips. Then Bob Fu spoke powerfully about persecuted believers in China. We had a new initiative on Tuesday evening when Tom Clarke, chairman of Worldwide, shared about the work of Worldwide over the years from its beginnings in 1937 with the aim of raising money for mission and giving a platform for speakers to share about their mission work. Fred Hand of Waakisa Ministries also spoke about their work in Uganda. Colin Smith brought a clear evening challenge on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Europe was the theme on Wednesday evening with Paul Cooke from France Mission and Costel Cheptea from Moldovan Mission.

Our Thursday afternoon's Ladies' event was held again in Bangor Parish church with refreshments to start. We heard from a couple working in Brazil with Latin Link, Jamie Pritchett of the Good News Coloring Book Ministry and Dr Beryl D'Souza-Vali.

Thursday evening had a focus on mission in Ireland and the UK. We heard from Andrew Maybin of the Faith Mission Gospel Truck and David Meredith of the Free Church of Scotland.

Members of the New Irish Choir and orchestra led our praise on Friday night and Bob Fu brought the closing challenge.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

The youth and young adults event was well supported again this year. Tass was the speaker.

This year's viewing figures rose again from last year.

3,006 of our podcasts were downloaded. Videos on Vimeo had 836 views. Videos on YouTube 5,616 views.

Our Instagram reach was 5,760 accounts with 914 followers. Facebook had a reach of 38,300 with 117 new followers in August. We had 580 Twitter (X) followers. Photos have attracted lots of views too. Our thanks to Jonny Sanlon for all his work in this area.

We had a different chairman each night, mainly ministers from local churches – Rev Jim Cheshire, Pastor Peter Johnston, Rev David Johnston, Rev Colin Dickson, Keith McIlwaine, and Jason Brodie from the committee also chaired an evening.

Mark Johnston of Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church band, Neil Stewart and Greyabbey Presbyterian Band, Roger Irvine and Trinity Band led the praise, along with two newcomers, Noah Bartlett of Cross Cultural Ministries and Jon Bartholomew from Richill Presbyterian Church. Under Noah's leadership on Saturday and Wednesday evenings we sang some of the songs in different languages. New Irish led our praise on the closing evening and Ruth Manning led us in praise at the morning Bible studies and her daughters at the ladies' event.

We are grateful to Lorraine Moore for the creativity and inspiration of the Global Village. There was a real buzz about the Global Village each night with a coffee hub served by several of the mission agencies throughout the week, a prayer area, and Oscar had an information stand. Another new initiative was a series of podcasts on three evenings led by David Johnston and David Meredith.

Several local churches had speakers on the 2 Sundays of the Convention. And we had our satellite meetings in Drumreagh, Portstewart, Newtownbreda, Dollingstown, Magherafelt, Drogheda and Swords. It's been great to see the expansion of these satellites over the past few years. We are grateful to God for His many rich blessings during Convention week. So many people and churches have come together to create a Convention which we trust has been a blessing to all and is honouring to God. But the Convention is not an end in itself. Our prayer is that it will have an impact on the lives of the hundreds who attended or watched online.

Financial review

The results for the year are set out in detail on pages 7 to 14.

The Convention was able to donate £279,595 (2023 - £47,275) towards charitable work carried out by other missions agencies.

The Convention recorded net expenditure for the year of £90,266 (2023 - net income of £94,284).

At the year end the cash at bank and in hand was £16,561 (2023 - £107,108).

At 31 December 2024, the total funds of the Convention amounted to £15,702 (2023 - £105,968). This included unrestricted general funds of £11,513 (2023 - £19,749), and restricted funds of £4,189 (2023 - £86,219) that are to be used towards specific missions and missionary candidates.

Reserves policy

The charity does not have a policy to build reserves as it does not have any ongoing financial commitments and it relies on donations to fund the convention each year. Any reserves held at the year end will be used towards the costs of running the convention in future years.

Major risks

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

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Plans for future periods

In the forthcoming year to December 2025, as well as continuing the regular work of promoting global mission, Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention plans to strategically develop in the following areas:

- Enhance our connections with local clergy
- Enhance our connections with young people and young adults
- Expand our social media activity
- Complete the work on the upgrade of our computer-based financial processes

Structure, governance and management

Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention was set up in 1937. In 1994 a separate trust was set up to continue the work under a Trust Deed dated 3 June 1994. The trust has a Constitution and Rules of Procedure. The convention was registered as a charity with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 20 February 2015 under charity number 101371.

The trustees who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr T Clarke - Chairman
Mr C McWilliams - Treasurer
Ms L Stewart - Secretary
Ms T Baker
Mr N Campbell
Mr E Currie
Mr R Donnan
Ms R Manning
Mr W Mateer

Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention Committee is a group of volunteers from various churches in the greater Bangor area. This reflects the interdenominational nature of the objects of the Trust. The Committee work together to organise a week long Missionary Convention each August. There are 15 people on the Committee. There were nine Trustees at the end of the year. The office bearers comprise a Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary.

The committee met six times over the year (February, April, June, September, October and December) to organise the programme for the Convention.

The Convention is a non-profit making organisation and all those involved work as volunteers

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



Mr T Clarke - Chairman
Trustee



Mr C McWilliams - Treasurer
Trustee

Date: 15/10/2025

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BANGOR WORLDWIDE MISSIONARY CONVENTION

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention (the charity) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

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

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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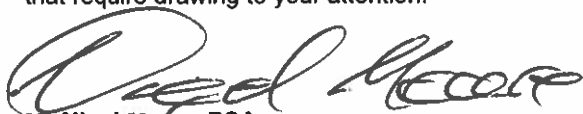
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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

TO THE TRUSTEES OF BANGOR WORLDWIDE MISSIONARY CONVENTION

Independent examiner's statement

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



Mr Nigel Moore FCA
for and on behalf of GMcG Belfast

Alfred House
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Dated: 15.10.25

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Income from:							
Donations and legacies	2	67,000	174,119	241,119	57,033	128,825	185,858
Total income		67,000	174,119	241,119	57,033	128,825	185,858
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	3	50,740	280,645	331,385	44,951	46,623	91,574
Total expenditure		50,740	280,645	331,385	44,951	46,623	91,574
Net income/(expenditure)		16,260	(106,526)	(90,266)	12,082	82,202	94,284
Transfers between funds		(24,496)	24,496	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	5	(8,236)	(82,030)	(90,266)	12,082	82,202	94,284
Reconciliation of funds:							
Fund balances at 1 January 2024		19,749	86,219	105,968	7,667	4,017	11,684
Fund balances at 31 December 2024		11,513	4,189	15,702	19,749	86,219	105,968

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year. All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	2024 £	£	2023 £	£
Current assets					
Debtors	9	941		282	
Cash at bank and in hand		16,561		107,108	
		<u>17,502</u>		<u>107,390</u>	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,800)		(1,422)	
Net current assets			15,702		105,968
Net assets			<u>15,702</u>		<u>105,968</u>
The funds of the charity					
Restricted income funds	11		4,189		86,219
Unrestricted funds			11,513		19,749
			<u>15,702</u>		<u>105,968</u>

The financial statements were approved by the trustees on 15/10/2025



Mr C McWilliams - Treasurer
Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention is an unincorporated charity and governed by its Constitution and Rules.

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's constitution and rules of procedure, the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

These financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 are the first financial statements of the charity prepared on an accruals basis in accordance with the Charities SORP "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). Earlier financial statements were prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

The date of transition is 1 January 2023 and comparative figures have been restated for the change in accounting convention. The impact of transition has been to reduce the surplus for the year ended 31 December 2023 by £1,140 and to reduce opening funds at 1 January 2024 by the same amount.

The charity has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

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

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

1.2 Going concern

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

1.3 Charitable funds

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

Designated funds comprise funds which have been set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes. The purposes and uses of the designated funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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

1.4 Income

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

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

1 Accounting policies (Continued)

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement, and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges are allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

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

1.7 Financial instruments

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

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

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

Basic financial assets

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

Basic financial liabilities

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

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

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

Derecognition of financial liabilities

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

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

2 Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Donations and gifts	67,000	174,119	241,119	57,033	128,825	185,858
Donations and gifts						
Donations	31,392	156,316	187,708	26,728	108,436	135,164
Gift aid	10,615	17,803	28,418	10,983	20,389	31,372
Offerings	13,545	-	13,545	11,948	-	11,948
Legacies	3,123	-	3,123	-	-	-
Events	8,325	-	8,325	7,374	-	7,374
	67,000	174,119	241,119	57,033	128,825	185,858

3 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Charitable expenditure 2024 £	Charitable expenditure 2023 £
Direct costs		
Donations to missions	279,595	47,275
Missionary candidates	1,050	-
	280,645	47,275
Share of support and governance costs (see note 4)		
Support	48,940	41,767
Governance	1,800	2,532
	331,385	91,574
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	50,740	44,951
Restricted funds	280,645	46,623
	331,385	91,574

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4 Support costs allocated to activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Advertising	3,746	4,669
Bank charges	751	519
Design & print	6,505	6,884
Hospitality	4,630	2,603
Insurance	502	202
IT	6,379	3,652
Subscriptions	150	150
Premises	7,200	5,350
Singers	4,050	6,750
Sundry expenses	15,027	9,566
Governance costs	1,800	3,954
	<u>50,740</u>	<u>44,299</u>
Analysed between:		
Charitable expenditure	<u>50,740</u>	<u>44,299</u>

5 Net movement in funds

	2024 £	2023 £
The net movement in funds is stated after charging/(crediting):		
Fees payable for the independent examination of the charity's financial statements	<u>1,800</u>	<u>3,954</u>

6 Trustees

During the year 1 (2023 - 2) trustee was reimbursed expenses totalling £293 (2023 - £262). No remuneration was paid in respect of services as trustee.

7 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

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

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was more than £60,000.

8 Taxation

The charity is exempt from income tax and capital gains tax to the extent that its income and gains are applied for charitable purposes. No tax charge has arisen in the year.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

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9 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Prepayments and accrued income	941	282
	<u>941</u>	<u>282</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	1,800	1,422
	<u>1,800</u>	<u>1,422</u>

11 Restricted funds

The restricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used.

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
Specific missions	84,717	173,777	(279,595)	24,496	3,395
Missionary candidates	1,502	342	(1,050)	-	794
	<u>86,219</u>	<u>174,119</u>	<u>(280,645)</u>	<u>24,496</u>	<u>4,189</u>
Previous year:					
	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Specific missions	2,920	128,420	(46,623)	-	84,717
Missionary candidates	1,097	405	-	-	1,502
	<u>4,017</u>	<u>128,825</u>	<u>(46,623)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,219</u>

Restricted funds represent income received where the donor has indicated their wishes that the funds are used in support of specific mission work.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

12 Unrestricted funds

The unrestricted funds of the charity comprise the unexpended balances of donations and grants which are not subject to specific conditions by donors and grantors as to how they may be used. These include designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes.

	At 1 January 2024	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	19,749	67,000	(50,740)	(24,496)	11,513
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Previous year:	At 1 January 2023	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Transfers	At 31 December 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	7,667	57,033	(44,951)	-	19,749
	<u>7,667</u>	<u>57,033</u>	<u>(44,951)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,749</u>

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Restricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £
At 31 December 2024:			
Current assets/(liabilities)	11,513	4,189	15,702
	<u>11,513</u>	<u>4,189</u>	<u>15,702</u>
	<u>11,513</u>	<u>4,189</u>	<u>15,702</u>
	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
At 31 December 2023:			
Current assets/(liabilities)	19,749	86,219	105,968
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14 Related party transactions

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

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	Note	2023		2022	
		£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2023					
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Designated Funds:					
Missionary candidates			1,097		1,847
Still to be allocated by donors			1,910		-
Still to be allocated to missions			<u>2,920</u>		<u>-</u>
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Gift Aid scheme		108,322		111,994	
Income tax refunds		31,372		26,256	
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Legacy		-		10,237	
Convention		<u>7,374</u>		<u>7,508</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		<u>185,858</u>		<u>182,808</u>	
PAYMENTS					
Donations to missions		47,275		124,406	
Missionary candidates		-		1,200	
Use of premises		5,350		9,170	
General expenses		<u>37,809</u>		<u>46,733</u>	
TOTAL PAYMENTS		<u>90,434</u>		<u>181,509</u>	
SURPLUS FOR YEAR			95,424		1,299
Balance at 31 December 2023					
General			20,071		5,757
Designated funds:					
Still to be allocated to missions	2		84,065		2,920
Missionary candidates			1,502		1,097
Still to be allocated by donors			<u>1,470</u>		<u>1,910</u>
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Worldwide Missionary Convention 2023- main activities Honorary Secretary's Report

Honorary Secretary's Report

The 87th Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention took place between Friday 18th August to Saturday 26th August 2023 in Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church. Our theme was Arise Shine from Isaiah 60.

We started again with a reception for missionaries, members of the Monday morning prayer meeting, some of our speakers and committee members.

Most joined us for the opening prayer meeting where Dick Brogden, Live Dead Movement, brought a "Word of Encouragement".

After last year's very successful 20's & 30's Equip event we ran it again this year on Friday night and Saturday. On Friday night Steve Auld, Great Victoria Street Baptist, spoke and on Saturday Dick Brogden.

It was encouraging to see this so well attended, partly due to providing a creche on Saturday morning, led by CEF. Our thanks to Jason who organised the youth & 20's & 30's events.

Our opening event was the NI Premier of “If Prison Walls could speak”. A one man multi media performance by the Artless Theatre Company. It tells the true story of the imprisonment of a believer in a Sudanese jail. About 400 people attended. We sponsored Artless Theatre Company for the week and it took the show to Dollingstown on Sunday evening, Magherafelt on Thursday evening and Dublin on Friday evening.

Following on from the success of our Supporter churches we had a United Sunday night Celebration in Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church. It was well attended and several ministers in the town took part in hosting the meeting, and praying. The emphasis throughout the evening was the Bible from the days of John Wycliffe up to the present day featuring Ricky Ferguson of Wycliffe Bible translators, Dick Brogden, Live Dead and Lisa Flach Africa Inland Mission.

Average attendance at the morning prayer meetings was about 30. It was led each morning by a committee member and one of the speakers from the night before shared a Word of Encouragement and their prayer points to help us in our prayers.

The morning Bible studies with Chris Wright were inspirational. He spoke from Isaiah.

Continuing on from last year we ran a crèche led by Liz and her team of willing helpers.

And one of our new initiatives this year was the children's Holiday Club led by CEF, which also ran during the morning Bible studies.

Another new initiative this year was forming a partnership with the Faith Mission Gospel truck, a 40ft articulated lorry. It was parked at the Marina from Monday – Friday and members of the public could visit for a cup of coffee, view the literature and chat to the team. Andrew Maybin, the team leader was very encouraged by the interest with hundreds of books and bibles given away throughout the week, many people receiving prayer, many people sign posted to a local church

On Monday evening our theme was Africa and Veena O’Sullivan, Tearfund and Dr Harvey Kwiyani, Global Connections were our speakers. Chris Wright brought a closing challenge on Monday and Tuesday evening.

Europe was the theme on Tuesday evening with Glenn Bowden of Acre and Kostya Bakanov of ECMI.

Our treasurer, Cecil McWilliams also shared an up-to-date report on Worldwide finances.

Dick Brogden was our speaker on Wednesday evening where our theme was the Middle East.

We also had an interview with a group who went on a prayer trip to the Middle East. Dai Hankey brought the closing challenge on Wednesday and Thursday evenings.

Our Thursday afternoon’s Ladies event was held again in the beautiful surroundings of Bangor Parish church again with refreshments to start. We heard from Kate Namate, ShineHisLight – Street Family Org, Kenya and from Naomi Dudgeon who works with the Faith Mission in West Belfast.

Thursday evening had a focus on mission within in Ireland and the UK. We heard from Eddie Floyd of Fireblade Ministries and Ronnie McCracken from Escol Ministries.

Members of the New Irish Choir and orchestra led our praise on Friday night and Dai Hankey spoke. It really was a very uplifting and challenging occasion. After last year's breakthrough, we were delighted to see the Youth and Young Adults events well supported again. Dai Hankey, was the speaker.

This year's viewing figures were higher than last year. The Downloads in August were 1873 from 63 countries. The top 5 were UK, USA, Australia, Singapore, Ireland. Videos on Vimeo had 858 views. Videos on Youtube 4,007 views. Instagram reach was 717 accounts with 149 engaged and 574 followers. Facebook had a reach of 27,446 with 3,000 page visits. We took out a paid campaign which reached 7,928.

Photos have attracted lots of views too.

Our thanks to Jonny Sanlon for all his work in this area.

We had a different chairman each night, mainly ministers from local churches – Rev Christoph Ebbinghaus, Rev Jim Cheshire. Colin Dickson, Keith McIlwaine, and Jason Brodie from the committee also chaired an evening.

Mark Johnston of Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church band, Neil Stewart and Greyabbey Presbyterian Band, Roger Irvine and Trinity Band led the praise, over the week. New Irish led our praise on the closing evenings and Ruth Manning led us in praise at the morning Bible studies and her daughters at the ladies event. Ruth and Ivan Millen prayed with the praise band before the evening meetings and they really appreciated that again this year.

We are grateful to Lorraine Moore for the creativity and inspiration of the new look Global Village. There was a real buzz about the Global Village each night with a coffee hub served by several of the mission agencies throughout the week, a prayer area, Oscar and a Living Library where people could chat to a missionary.

The committee met six times over the year – February, April, June, September, October, December,

2023 was another great Convention. We are grateful to God for His many rich blessings during Convention week.

Financial Review

The Convention's Financial Year runs from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023.

As indicated in our accounts, the Convention was able to pass on £84,065 to charitable work carried out by other Mission Agencies. When our expenses in organising the annual Convention of £43,159 are taken into account our Income exceeded our Expenditure by £142,699. As a result the Convention's balance at the end of the financial year was £107,108 The Convention has no debts nor any other reserves.

Future Strategic Plans

In the forthcoming year to December 2024, as well as continuing the regular work of promoting global mission, Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention plans to strategically develop in the following areas

- 1 Enhance our connections with local clergy
- 2 Enhance our connections with young people and young adults
- 3 Expand our social media activity
- 4 Complete the work on the upgrade of our computer-based financial processes.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf:

Lesley Stewart
Secretary

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Surplus for year	<u>95,424</u>	<u>1,299</u>
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	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2022		
General	8,538	7,482
Designated Funds:		
Missionary candidates	1,847	549
Still to be allocated by donors	<u> </u>	<u>42</u>
	<u>10,385</u>	<u>8,073</u>
 RECEIPTS		
Gift Aid Scheme	111,994	110,442
Income tax refunds	26,256	27,666
Donations	21,602	37,005
Offerings	5,211	1,482
Interest	-	27
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>182,808</u>	<u>176,622</u>
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Donations to missions	124,406	143,425
Missionary candidates	1,200	300
Use of premises	9,170	4,200
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Worldwide Missionary Convention 2022- main activities Honorary Secretary's Report

After the past two years of restrictions our 86th Convention felt like it was "re Launched" – good attendance, great teaching, praise, reports, and new look global village.

The dates this year were Friday 19th August to Sunday 28th August. Our theme was "Compelled" based on the verse in Corinthians.

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Most joined us for the opening prayer meeting where David Eastwood of OMF brought a "Word of Encouragement".

A first this year was a Friday night/Saturday morning event for the 20's & 30's. On Friday night Rick Hill, PCI and Steve Mac, cross cultural worker N Africa, were the speakers with Jude Frame leading praise. Saturday's event was called "Equip" and David Garrison joined Steve Mac for this. It was encouraging to see this so well attended, partly due to providing a creche on Saturday morning, led by CEF. Our thanks to Jason who organised the youth & 20's & 30's events.

Our opening event was back in the Spires Conference Centre in Belfast. David, Ivan and Lorraine produced a very creative programme, Around the World in 90 Minutes. Two airline pilots led us to Taiwan, Egypt, Nigeria and Belfast to hear what God is doing from David Eastwood, OMF, David Garrison, writer of “A wind in the house of Islam”, Hassan John from the diocese of Joss. New Irish led the praise. About 400 people attended.

The speaker on Sunday evening 22nd August was Hassan John who spoke very movingly about the threats to Christians in Nigeria from radical Muslim groups. Jason Brodie interviewed Andrew Boyd about his plans for taking a year out with OM on their ship. Zack Eswine outlined his schedule for leading the morning Bible Studies through the book of John – God won’t quit on you.

Average attendance at the morning prayer meetings was about 30. It was led each morning by a committee member and one of the speakers from the night before shared a Word of Encouragement and their prayer points to help us in our prayers.

On Monday morning we had our Children’s Event in partnership with Child Evangelism Fellowship. Numbers were very low at 6. We also ran a crèche this year, very professionally led by Liz and her team of willing helpers.

The aim of Monday afternoon’s seminar – Compelled to serve – was to encourage the church about the local response to asylum seekers in NI and to share practical opportunities to help.

Mark Johnston, St Andrews, Sara Kennedy, HRPC, Peter Johnston, Kings, and Karen McConnell of the Parish church all shared about how their churches were getting involved in practical and sociable ways to help the refugees staying in the town and Toni from the International Meeting Point, Shirley McGonigle and Kerry Welcome Churches also shared.

In the evening Robin Scott, Prison Fellowship shared about serving the prison community and their families over the past 40 years. John McLernon, Crosslinks spoke about their work in Italy
Each evening Monday – Friday Zack brought us a closing challenge from Matthew 28.

On Tuesday evening our theme was students and books. Geoff McIlrath of Castlereagh shared about his literature ministry to many parts of the world and David Montgomery, CU Ireland shared about his work with students. We also had two interviews with two young couples who are hoping to go overseas. These couples took part in the Living Library later on in the evening at the Global village. Cecil also shared an up-to-date report on Worldwide finances.

David Eastwood, OMF and Joanne Briggs, Leprosy mission, were the speakers on Wednesday evening where our theme was Asia.

This year we had our Thursday afternoon’s Ladies event in the beautiful surroundings of Bangor Parish church again with refreshments to start. Suzanne Potter, Latin Link spoke of the work of some of her colleagues in S America and Michele McIlrath

chaired a table conversation with Sonia Garrison, Joanne Briggs and Marjorie Dickinson about 'juggling' ministry with family life.

Suzanne Potter also spoke in the evening and we had a great interview with a Cuban pastor by his son who have both relocated to NI.

We had our second seminar on Friday afternoon led by the Bible Society, Daring to Hope

Our last evening was Friday night. New Irish Choir and orchestra led our praise and David Garrison spoke and Zac concluded with a closing challenge.

We had our Youth evening with David Eastwood on the second Friday evening.

It was good to have the satellite meetings again this year. The first one was on Sunday evening at St Saviour's Church Dollingston where John McLeron spoke and Simon Genoe interviewed David Garrison. On Thursday evening Magherafelt again hosted a satellite event with Hassan John and David Garrison. The week concluded with Sunday night at Drumreagh Presbyterian Church where Hassan John spoke.

This year's viewing figures were higher than last year. The Downloads in August were 1873 from 63 countries. The top 5 were UK, USA, Australia, Singapore, Ireland. Videos on Vimeo had 858 views. Videos on Youtube 4,007 views. Instagram reach was 717 accounts with 149 engaged and 574 followers. Facebook had a reach of 27,446 with 3,000 page visits. We took out a paid campaign which reached 7,928.

Photos have attracted lots of views too.

Our thanks to Jonny Sanlon for all his work in this area.

We had a different chairman each night, mainly ministers from local churches – Rev Christoph Ebbinghaus, Geoff McIlrath, Rev Jim Cheshire. Keith McIlwaine, David Johnston, and Jason Brodie from the committee also chaired an evening.

Mark Johnston of Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church band, Neil Stewart and Greyabbey Presbyterian Band, Jude Frame, and Roger Irvine and Trinity Band led the praise, over the week. New Irish led our praise on the opening and closing evenings and Ruth Manning led us in praise at the morning Bible studies and ladies event. Ruth and I and Ivan Millen had a couple of meetings with the praise leaders this year about the praise to chat about the use of older and newer songs etc and we feel it really paid off. Several people commented on the great praise this year. Absence of face masks also helped.

The praise leaders asked if a member of the committee could pray with the praise band before the evening meetings and they really appreciated that too.

We are grateful to Lorraine Moore for the creativity and inspiration of the new look Global Village back this year with a coffee hub served by Adopt a child, a prayer area, Oscar and a Living Library where people could chat to a missionary.

The committee met six times over the year – February, May, June, September, October, December,

2022 was a great Convention and we are thankful to God for His blessing on all that took place.

Financial Review

The Convention's Financial Year runs from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

As indicated in our accounts, the Convention was able to pass on £125,606 to charitable work carried out by other Mission Agencies. When our expenses in organising the annual Convention of £55,903 are taken into account our Income exceeded our Expenditure by £1,299. As a result the Convention's balance at the end of the financial year was £11,684. The Convention has no debts nor any other reserves.

Future Strategic Plans

In the forthcoming year to December 2023, as well as continuing the regular work of promoting global mission, Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention plans to strategically develop in the following areas

- 1 Enhance our connections with local clergy
- 2 Enhance our connections with young people and young adults
- 3 Expand our social media activity
- 4 Complete the work on the upgrade of our computer-based financial processes.

Approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf:

Lesley Stewart
Secretary

Bangor Worldwide Missionary Convention

Northern Ireland - Charity number 101371

Annual return

BANGOR WORLDWIDE MISSIONARY CONVENTION

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

31 DECEMBER 2022

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE CHARITY TRUSTEES OF BANGOR WORLDWIDE
MISSIONARY CONVENTION**

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2022 which are set out on pages 3 and 5.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHARITY TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities act;
- Follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Commission under section 65 (9) (b) of the Charities Act;
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65 (9) (b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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

- (1) That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act.
- (2) That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records.
- (3) That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.
- (4) That there is no further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT

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

MR NIGEL MOORE

GMcG Chartered Accountants

9 OCTOBER 2023

Alfred House
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BANGOR WORLDWIDE MISSIONARY CONVENTION

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT for the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Balance at 1 January 2022				
General		8,538		7,482
Designated Funds:				
Missionary candidates		1,847		549
Still to be allocated by donors		<u>-</u>		<u>42</u>
		<u>10,385</u>		<u>8,073</u>
RECEIPTS				
Gift Aid Scheme	111,994		110,442	
Income tax refunds	26,256		27,666	
Donations	21,602		37,005	
Offerings	5,211		1,482	
Interest	-		27	
Legacy	10,237		-	
Convention	<u>7,508</u>		<u>-</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>182,808</u>		<u>176,622</u>	
PAYMENTS				
Donations to missions	124,406		143,425	
Missionary candidates	1,200		300	
Use of premises	9,170		4,200	
General expenses	<u>46,733</u>		<u>26,385</u>	
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>181,509</u>		<u>174,310</u>	
SURPLUS FOR YEAR		1,299		2,312
Balance at 31 December 2022				
General		5,757		8,538
Designated Funds:				
Still to be allocated to missions		2,920		-
Missionary candidates		1,097		1,847
Still to be allocated by donors		<u>1,910</u>		<u>-</u>
		<u>11,684</u>		<u>10,385</u>

All receipts and payments relate to unrestricted funds.

BANGOR WORLDWIDE MISSIONARY CONVENTION

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
CASH AT BANK		
Danske Bank	11,254	9,857
Paypal account	252	252
Stripe account	121	135
Donr account	<u>57</u>	<u>141</u>
NET ASSETS	<u>11,684</u>	<u>10,385</u>
ACCUMULATED SURPLUS		
At start of year	10,385	8,073
Surplus for year	<u>1,299</u>	<u>2,312</u>
At end of year	<u>11,684</u>	<u>10,385</u>

All charity funds are unrestricted funds.

Approved by:

C McWILLIAMS

HONORARY TREASURER

9 OCTOBER 2023

DATE

BANGOR WORLDWIDE MISSIONARY CONVENTION

NOTES TO THE RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT **for the year ended 31 December 2022**

1. Conduit Funding

During the year, the charity was responsible for receiving and distributing funds received from legacies. These funds included £953,024 that was received and distributed in accordance with the instructions of the relevant wills. The charity did not have any control over how this money was to be distributed and, as such, it has been treated as conduit funding and has not been recognised as income or expenditure of the charity. The charity did not hold any balances in relation to conduit funding at the year end.