



Coleraine Church of Christ Trustee Report

We are happy to report that satisfactory outcomes were reached in all our planned events for the year. Being a community focused church we are pleased to partner with a number of projects in the Borough.

It has been our tradition over the years to host a Christmas party for the children of Asylum seekers and Refugees residing in the Borough. In addition to our churches donation toward this we were happy to receive contributions from a number of businesses, including, Tesco, Sainsbury and Asda.

As our church was a founder member of Causeway Multi Cultural Forum they continue to use our church facilities to conduct their meetings and where appropriate, events. There would be 8 management meetings within the 12 months.

Our visitation to nursing homes continues when we have engaged in singing and pastoral ministry. These include Bohill Nursing facility, The Cottage care home, Rathene Nursing home and Bohill Bungalows for mentally challenged residents.

Every aspect of our church ministry has been restored to pre covid levels. Scheduling of Sunday worship has been changed to Morning Worship in the chapel and evening services being

streamed live each Sunday evening. The streaming of evening worship has provided a growing number of people with mobility issues to receive the companionship and share in prayer, singing and homily.

The sacraments of Dedication, Marriage, Baptism and Funerals continue to be offered as part of our religious service to the community. The church has expanded its "End of Life Ministry" unfortunately with an increase in the number of deaths this past year.

The community rooms of our church are widely used by groups in the Borough and provide opportunity for Art Classes, Yoga, Chinese Tai Chi, and knitting groups, and English classes.

Youth ministry incorporates junior church Sunday school and summer activities, Holiday Bible School and summer camps through the month of July. Ongoing provision for Vulnerable and Child Protection training is provided and financed by the church.

Our church continues to partner with a number of churches in the Borough in programs such as, Street Pastors; this is a pastoral outreach which engages with community at events such as Night Clubs, Bars or Parades.

Our church also shares in celebratory Christian events such as Easter, Christmas. We are blessed to be able to offer our premises rent free to groups.

Our benevolence and overseas missions has been exceptionally well supported this year, both in assisting sister congregations or individuals in India, Philippines, Zimbabwe, Ukraine and Ghana.

This program also addresses local benevolent needs with contributions made to Children's Services, transport to hospital appointments and single mothers by referral from Social Services.

(Donations are given to Social Services for delivery to recipients. We have no contact with the families and request anonymity.)

The Internship program expanded this year when we hosted 20 oversea students. They are given the experience of working with local churches, charities and youth activities for those who may be considering Ministry as a vocation or those wishing to experience service in a different culture. In addition this year we hosted the Lubbock Christian University choir who performed at a number of venues including, St. Patrick's church of Ireland, St. Malachy's Catholic Church, Coleraine Town Hall and local nursing homes.

Our Minister provides representation of the church in numerous areas such as bereavement counseling, dedications, weddings, group discussions, Scripture studies. Current non salaried appointments include, Chair of PSNI Independent Advisory Group, Treasurer of Causeway Multi Cultural Forum, Co. Chair with Dr. Wali of Causeway Interfaith Group, Trustee of Coleraine Rural and Urban Network, Vice Chair/Trustee of Coleraine Street Pastors.

Director of CRUN (non salaried) and Causeway Churches Forum.

Maintenance to the church and outlying ground was minimal with most of the work done on a voluntary basis. Work which requires professional trades persons are tendered from local businesses.

Our church offers its services to all without prejudice free from the impediments of bigotry and sectarianism. We are indebted to all those who contribute to this ministry.

Trustees.

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