

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102525

## Details

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**Known as** IFES Ireland

**Status** Received

**Registered** 2015-07-03

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

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## Activities

**Purposes:** Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust is established for the advancement of the Evangelical Christian Faith (provided always that the phrase 'Evangelical Christian Faith' shall be interpreted to mean those fundamental truths of Christianity as revealed in Holy Scripture as set out in 'the doctrinal basis' of the trust (See below). In furtherance of the above but further or otherwise to: Promote the formation and growth of evangelical Christian groups in universities and other post secondary institutions of learning in Ireland; Assist such groups in their efforts to bear witness to Jesus Christ as Saviour, Lord and God in the post secondary institutions of learning in Ireland. Pursue this calling consistent with the doctrinal basis of THE FELLOWSHIP and in the terms of the following: EVANGELISM: to proclaim Jesus Christ as God Incarnate, Saviour and Lord and to seek to lead others to a personal faith in Him. SPIRITUAL GROWTH: to deepen and strengthen spiritual life through Bible teaching, study and prayer, so that the Holy Spirit may increase our likeness to Christ in character, behaviour and effective witness. WORLD MISSION: to call Christian students and others to obey God's commission to go into all the world with the Gospel, sharing in this privilege by giving, praying and serving in every area of life to which He calls us. COMMITMENT TO TRUTH: to help students and others to explore and assert biblical truth, and to apply it to every issue of private and working life and public concern. The Doctrinal Basis of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust is 1 The Unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead. 2 The Sovereignty of God in creation, revelation, redemption and final judgement. 3 The divine inspiration and infallibility of Holy Scripture as originally given and its supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct. 4 The universal sinfulness and guilt of human nature since the fall, rendering everyone subject to God's wrath and condemnation. 5 The full deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God; his virgin birth and his real and sinless humanity; his death on the cross, his bodily resurrection and his present reign in heaven and earth. 6 Redemption from the guilt, penalty and power of sin only through the sacrificial death once and for all time of our representative and substitute, Jesus Christ, the only mediator between God and humanity. 7 Justification as God's act of undeserved mercy, in which sinners are pardoned all their sins and accepted as righteous in God's sight, only because of the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, this justification being received by faith alone. 8 The need for the Holy Spirit to make the work of Christ effective to individual sinners, granting them repentance toward God and faith in Jesus Christ. 9 The indwelling of the Holy Spirit in all those thus regenerated, producing in them and increasing likeness to Christ in character and behaviour, and empowering them for their witness in the world. 10 The one holy universal church which is the body of Christ and to which all true believers belong. 11 The future personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge everyone, executing God's just condemnation on the impenitent and receiving the redeemed to eternal glory.

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

**How the charity works:**

Advice/advocacy/information,Cross-border/cross-community,Education/training,Religious activities,Research/evaluation,Volunteer development,Youth development

**Who the charity helps:** Men,Parents,Volunteers,Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£398,576	£395,519	£-57,198	7
2024-08-31	£361,448	£420,144	£-46,587	8

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr John Gillespie		
Martin Agnew		
Miss Julie Hamilton		
Mr Cassells Morrell		
Mr Frank Peters		
Mr Gavin Rothwell		
Mr Iain Hamill		
Mr Jonathan Reid		
Mrs Catrin Carolan		
Mrs Helen Blakey		
Mrs Isabel Quinlan		

**Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102525

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# Accounts

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COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NI033539  
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC102525

**Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust  
Company Limited by Guarantee  
Financial Statements  
31 August 2025**

**FEB CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

Chartered accountants & statutory auditor

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# **Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 August 2025**

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# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

#### Year ended 31 August 2025

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2025.

#### Reference and administrative details

**Registered charity name** Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

**Charity registration number** NIC102525

**Company registration number** NI033539

**Principal office and registered office** 12-14 Elmwood Avenue  
Belfast  
BT9 6AY

**The trustees who served during the year**

Mr Martin Agnew - Chair  
Mrs Catrin Carolan  
Prof John Gillespie  
Mr Iain Hamill – Treasurer  
Ms Julie Hamilton  
Ms Helen McNeely (Resigned 15 March 2025)  
Mr Cassells Morrell  
Prof Frank Peters  
Mrs Isabel Quinlan (Appointed 7 June 2025)  
Mr Jonathan Reid  
Mr Gavin Rothwell

**Company secretary** Mr Christopher McBurney

**Auditor** FEB Chartered Accountants  
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1st Floor,  
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**Solicitors** MacCorkell Legal & Commercial  
Private Client & Commercial Solicitors  
Garvey Studios  
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# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2025

#### Structure, governance and management

Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust is a registered charity and operates as a company limited by guarantee. The company is managed by an experienced board of directors and a team of skilled and dedicated employees.

#### Objectives and activities

The principal activity of the company during the year was that of the advancement of the evangelical Christian faith amongst students.

The Vision is to give every student in Ireland an opportunity to respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Mission Statement of the company states their mission is students reaching student for Christ.

This mission statement is distilled into a set of core values which are:

1. Fuelled by the gospel of **Grace**
2. Confident in the sufficiency of **Scripture**
3. Joyfully **dependent** on God
4. Striving for **unity** in Christ
5. Generously serving the **Church**
6. Passionately engaged in **God's world**
7. Investing in dynamic **student-leadership**

#### Strategic report

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form the strategic report of the charity.

#### Achievements and performance

During the year Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust continued to work amongst student communities in Northern Ireland to further advance their work. Workers in these communities are encouraged to act by and spread the core values in order to work towards achieving the mission statement.

#### Financial review

Results for the year ended 31 August 2025 are given in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 9. The assets and liabilities as at 31 August 2025 are given on the Balance Sheet on page 10. The financial statements should be read in conjunction with their related notes, which appear on pages 11 to 18 and have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice.

In summary:

- total incoming resources increased by 10.27% (2024: increased by 4.87%) to £398,576 (2024: £361,448)

- total resources expended decreased by 5.86% (2024: increased by 12.9%) to £395,519 (2024: £420,144)

- net surplus for the year on total funds was £3,057 (2024: net deficit of £58,696)

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2025

#### ***Designated Reserves***

In order to make a judgment on the amount of reserve the Board consider the risks in respect of expenditure, unrestricted income and where appropriate restricted income and where funds can only be realised by the disposal of a fixed asset.

A risk assessment is undertaken annually and determined using a Risk Identification approach. Also taken into consideration are any external identified potential major risks to income and expenditure during the year under consideration. Designated reserves therefore reflect areas outlined in the Organisations Risk Register which is maintained to ensure identified risks are mitigated for and managed appropriately.

#### ***The organisations reserves policy (agreed March 2024):***

The Trustees consider it part of good governance to keep an amount in free reserves commensurate to what might be required by the Trust to weather a difficult period. Three months of average budgeted expenditure is deemed to be an appropriate target. The Trust isn't considered to be overly reliant on any particular donor, or narrow set of donors. Further there is no history or expectation of unusually large one-off expenditure. The Trust's largest committed cost is staff cost, with relatively small property commitments. In extremis, the Trust would be able to place staff on notice, which would be three months in the longest scenario.

In addition, the Trustees are exploring other liquidity options such as agreeing a bank overdraft to cover any unexpected short-term shortfalls.

Reserves and Risk are reviewed regularly as part of the Business Planning and included in Financial reporting at regular Board Meetings.

#### ***Risk Management***

The Board has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register has been established and is updated at least annually. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces.

#### ***Public Benefit Statement/Declaration***

Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust provides benefit to students by promoting the formation and growth of Christian Union groups run by students for students.

We deepen and strengthen the spiritual life of students through Bible teaching, study and prayer. This in turn benefits the wider church that students belong to by increasing their knowledge and opportunities for service within the church.

We encourage students to obey God's commission to go into all the world with the Gospel, sharing in this privilege by giving, praying and serving in every area of life to which God calls them. This in turn promotes the adoption of a moral framework which encourages students to be good citizens in their university, church and society.

We provide opportunities for students to engage with students from other universities throughout Northern Ireland, Ireland, UK, Europe and the World through our sister movements in 153+ countries worldwide under the umbrella movement IFES. The organisation's beneficiaries are students in third level education institutions across Northern Ireland.

All of the above benefits will be evidenced through:

- Training events for Christian Union leadership teams;
- EQUIP Festival - a training event open to any student from any Christian Union in Ireland;
- Co-operation with local churches and other mission agencies to offer students opportunities for service in their local communities and society;
- Regular surveying of student training needs and service opportunities – via Christian Union groups;
- Facilitating the meeting of a Student Council (a selected group of student leaders from across Ireland) to gain feedback on Christian Unions Ireland activities and give student input into the decision making process of the organisation.

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

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### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2025

• The Board of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust has 2 student representatives, chosen annually from current Christian Union Leaders. The only private benefit flowing from our purposes is related to the employment of our staff who receive benefits as a result of their employment. However, we consider this to be incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purposes. We do not anticipate that any harm will flow from any of our purposes.

#### **Trustees' responsibilities statement**

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

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

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping 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.

#### **Auditor**

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The auditor is deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 28 February 2026 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr Martin Agnew - Chair  
Trustee

Mr Iain Hamill  
Trustee

# **Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

**Year ended 31 August 2025**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2025 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2025 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- 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 the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the 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.

# **Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 August 2025**

#### **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. 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Opinions on other matters 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.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the 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 in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2025

#### Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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:

We developed an understanding of the key fraud risks to the entity (including how fraud might occur), the controls in place to help mitigate those risks, and the accounts, balances and disclosures within the financial statements which may be susceptible to management bias. Our understanding was obtained through review of the financial statements for significant accounting estimates, analysis of journal entries, walkthrough of the key control cycles in place and enquiry of management.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment 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 internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2025

- 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.

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.

#### **Use of our report**

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.

Michael Flannigan  
(Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of  
FEB Chartered Accountants  
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor  
26 Linenhall Exchange  
Belfast  
BT2 8BG

28 February 2026

**Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**  
**Company Limited by Guarantee**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**(including income and expenditure account)**

**Year ended 31 August 2025**

		<b>2025</b>	<b>2025</b>		<b>2024</b>
	<b>Note</b>	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	<b>Total funds £</b>	Total funds £
<b>Income and endowments</b>					
Donations and legacies	<b>5</b>	336,504	55,444	<b>391,948</b>	355,103
Investment income	<b>6</b>	6,628	–	<b>6,628</b>	6,345
<b>Total income</b>		<u>343,132</u>	<u>55,444</u>	<u><b>398,576</b></u>	<u>361,448</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	<b>7</b>	359,434	30,984	<b>390,418</b>	414,603
Expenditure on charitable activities	<b>8,9</b>	5,101	–	<b>5,101</b>	5,541
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>364,535</u>	<u>30,984</u>	<u><b>395,519</b></u>	<u>420,144</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure) and net movement in funds</b>					
		<u>(21,403)</u>	<u>24,460</u>	<u><b>3,057</b></u>	<u>(58,696)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		118,110	40,718	<b>158,828</b>	217,524
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>96,707</u>	<u>65,178</u>	<u><b>161,885</b></u>	<u>158,828</u>

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

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Statement of Financial Position

31 August 2025

	Note	2025 £	£	2024 £
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors	13	8,721		7,826
Cash at bank and in hand		210,362		197,589
		<u>219,083</u>		<u>205,415</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	14	<u>57,198</u>		<u>46,587</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>161,885</b>	158,828
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<b>161,885</b>	<u>158,828</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<b>161,885</b>	<u>158,828</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>				
Restricted funds			65,178	40,718
Unrestricted funds			96,707	118,110
<b>Total charity funds</b>	17		<b>161,885</b>	<u>158,828</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 28 February 2026, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr Martin Agnew - Chair  
Trustee

Mr Iain Hamill  
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

# **Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 August 2025**

#### **1. General information**

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 12-14 Elmwood Avenue, Belfast, BT9 6AY.

#### **2. Statement of compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

#### **3. Accounting policies**

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

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

##### **Going concern**

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

##### **Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2025

#### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

##### Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

##### Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

##### Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2025

#### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

##### Defined contribution plans *(continued)*

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

#### 4. Limited by guarantee

Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust was registered on 27 January 1998 as a company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital. The liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £1. It is also a charity registered with HM Revenue & Customs.

#### 5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
<b>Donations</b>			
General - Individuals	105,863	15,444	121,307
General - Churches	13,550	–	13,550
Team - Individuals	83,571	–	83,571
Team - Churches	21,389	–	21,389
Trusts/Legacy	48,850	40,000	88,850
Tax	27,251	–	27,251
IFES	8,850	–	8,850
Other	12,232	–	12,232
General - Student	743	–	743
Student/Conference	14,205	–	14,205
	<u>336,504</u>	<u>55,444</u>	<u>391,948</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Donations</b>			
General - Individuals	82,484	–	82,484
General - Churches	14,489	–	14,489
Team - Individuals	63,391	–	63,391
Team - Churches	37,189	–	37,189
Trusts/Legacy	67,964	20,000	87,964
Tax	28,119	–	28,119
IFES	18,824	–	18,824
Other	13,894	–	13,894
General - Student	755	–	755
Student/Conference	7,994	–	7,994
	<u>335,103</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>355,103</u>

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

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### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2025

#### 6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds	<b>Total Funds 2025</b>	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Income from cash investments	<u>6,628</u>	<u>6,628</u>	<u>6,345</u>	<u>6,345</u>

#### 7. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	<b>Total Funds 2025</b>
	£	£	£
Costs of raising donations and legacies - Donations	<u>359,434</u>	<u>30,984</u>	<u>390,418</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Costs of raising donations and legacies - Donations	<u>382,983</u>	<u>31,620</u>	<u>414,603</u>

#### 8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds	<b>Total Funds 2025</b>	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£	£
Support costs	<u>5,101</u>	<u>5,101</u>	<u>5,541</u>	<u>5,541</u>

#### 9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Support costs	<b>Total funds 2025</b>	Total fund 2024
	£	£	£
Governance costs	<u>5,101</u>	<u>5,101</u>	<u>5,541</u>

#### 10. Auditors remuneration

	<b>2025</b>	2024
	£	£
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>2,730</u>	<u>2,730</u>

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2025

#### 11. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2025	2024
	£	£
Wages and salaries	164,385	187,322
Social security costs	8,761	10,895
Employer contributions to pension plans	8,421	7,827
	<u>181,567</u>	<u>206,044</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 7 (2024: 8). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2025	2024
	No.	No.
Number of administrative staff	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2024: Nil).

#### 12. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

#### 13. Debtors

	2025	2024
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	8,721	6,441
Other debtors	–	1,385
	<u>8,721</u>	<u>7,826</u>

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

	2025	2024
	£	£
Trade creditors	50,209	39,154
Accruals and deferred income	4,446	1,860
Social security and other taxes	2,506	5,382
Other creditors	37	191
	<u>57,198</u>	<u>46,587</u>

#### 15. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

##### Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £8,421 (2024: £7,827).

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2025

#### 16. Analysis of charitable funds

##### Unrestricted funds

	At 1 September 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 August 2025 £
General funds	<u>118,110</u>	<u>343,132</u>	<u>(364,535)</u>	<u>96,707</u>
	At 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	At 31 August 2024 £
General funds	<u>165,186</u>	<u>341,448</u>	<u>(388,524)</u>	<u>118,110</u>

##### Restricted funds

	At 1 September 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2025 £
North West Fund	4,571	-	-	-	4,571
Comms & Database Fund	8,647	-	(5,000)	-	3,647
Limerick Fund	27,500	20,000	(20,000)	-	27,500
Irish Gospel Project	-	35,444	(5,984)	-	29,460
	<u>40,718</u>	<u>55,444</u>	<u>(30,984)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,178</u>
	At 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2024 £
North West Fund	11,571	-	(7,000)	-	4,571
Comms & Database Fund	13,267	-	(4,620)	-	8,647
Limerick Fund	27,500	20,000	(20,000)	-	27,500
	<u>52,338</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>(31,620)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,718</u>

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2025

#### 16. Analysis of charitable funds (continued)

##### Fund descriptions

Restricted funds are amounts to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund together with a fair allocation of overhead and support costs. The Trustees have no control over these funds other than ensuring they are spent for the purposes intended by the donors and therefore no target level has been set.

Unrestricted funds are freely available to spend on any of the charity's purposes.

Calculation of general reserves	£
Operating costs	268,461
3-month target level	67,115

##### ***Comparison of policy with actual***

	£
Total unrestricted funds	96,707
Less: tangible fixed assets	(0)
Available reserves	<u>96,707</u>
Less: Target general reserves	<u>(67,115)</u>
Surplus reserves	<u><b>29,592</b></u>

The directors are comfortable with the current level of reserves given significant anticipated strategic expenditure in the upcoming period.

#### 17. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2025 £
Current assets	153,905	65,178	219,083
Creditors less than 1 year	(57,198)	-	(57,198)
<b>Net assets</b>	<u><b>96,707</b></u>	<u><b>65,178</b></u>	<u><b>161,885</b></u>

  

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Current assets	164,697	40,718	205,415
Creditors less than 1 year	(46,587)	-	(46,587)
<b>Net assets</b>	<u><b>118,110</b></u>	<u><b>40,718</b></u>	<u><b>158,828</b></u>

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

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### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2025

#### 18. Related parties

Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust has the following related parties due to common control:

Christian Unions Ireland.

Particulars of material transactions during the year and the year end balances are as follows:

	<b>Transaction Values At 31 August 2025</b>	<b>Balance Sheet Values At 31 August 2025</b>	<b>Transaction Values At 31 August 2024</b>	<b>Balance Sheet Values At 31 August 2024</b>
Payments to Christian Unions Ireland	£ <b>45,000</b>	£ <b>-</b>	£ <b>75,000</b>	£ <b>-</b>

**Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

**Company Limited by Guarantee**

**Management Information**

**Year ended 31 August 2025**

**The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.**

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 August 2025

	2025 £	2024 £
<b>Income and endowments</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
General - Individuals	121,307	82,484
General - Churches	13,550	14,489
Team - Individuals	79,209	63,391
Team - Churches	21,389	37,189
Trusts/Legacy	88,850	87,964
Tax	27,251	28,119
IFES	13,212	18,824
EQUIP Conference	12,232	13,147
Other	-	747
General - Student	743	755
Student/Conference	14,205	7,994
	<u>391,948</u>	<u>355,103</u>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Income from cash investments	6,628	6,345
<b>Total income</b>	<u>398,576</u>	<u>361,448</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>Costs of raising donations and legacies</b>		
Wages and salaries	164,385	187,322
Employer's NIC	8,761	10,895
Pension costs	8,421	7,827
Gift to IFES	12,880	15,087
Irish Gospel Project Costs	5,984	-
IFES World Assembly Costs	985	-
Rent	5,038	3,836
EQUIP Conference Costs	41,970	41,743
Student/Conference Costs	14,727	11,761
Relay Costs	5,512	5,513
Other motor/travel costs	12,860	14,132
Legal and professional fees	3,045	6,844
To CUI ROI	45,000	75,000
Sundry Expenses	4,734	5,605
Recruitment & training	17,130	7,723
Computer expenses	5,222	3,583
	<u>356,654</u>	<u>396,871</u>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>		
Promotion & Publicity	22,431	8,340
Printing, stationary & postage	11,333	9,392
Legal and professional fees	3,585	3,675
Other interest payable and similar charges	1,516	1,866
	<u>38,865</u>	<u>23,273</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>395,519</u>	<u>420,144</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<u>3,057</u>	<u>(58,696)</u>

**Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102525

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# Accounts

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COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NI33539  
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: NIC102525

**Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**  
**Company Limited by Guarantee**  
**Financial Statements**  
**31 August 2024**

**FEB CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**  
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor  
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# **Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 August 2024**

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# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

#### Year ended 31 August 2024

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024.

#### Reference and administrative details

**Registered charity name** Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

**Charity registration number** NIC102525

**Company registration number** NI33539

**Principal office and registered office** 12-14 Elmwood Avenue  
Belfast  
BT9 6AY

#### The trustees who served during the year

Mr Martin Agnew – Chair  
Mrs Catrin Carolan  
Prof John Gillespie  
Mr Iain Hamill – Treasurer  
Ms Julie Hamilton  
Ms Helen McNeely  
Mr Daniel Moorcroft (Resigned 23 September 2023)  
Mr Cassells Morrell  
Prof Frank Peters  
Mr Jonathan Reid  
Mr Gavin Rothwell  
Miss Julia Yermak (Resigned 23 September 2023)

**Company secretary** Mr Christopher McBurney (Appointed 23 September 2023)  
Mr Mark Ellis (Resigned 23 September 2023)

**Auditor** FEB Chartered Accountants  
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor  
Linenhall Exchange  
1st Floor,  
26 Linenhall Street  
Belfast  
Northern Ireland  
BT2 8BG

**Bankers** AIB (NI)  
11-15 Donegall Square North  
Belfast  
BT1 5GB

**Solicitors** MacCorkell Legal & Commercial  
Private Client & Commercial Solicitors  
Garvey Studios  
8-10 Longstone Street  
Lisburn  
BT28 1TP

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2024

#### Structure, governance and management

Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust is a registered charity and operates as a company limited by guarantee. The company is managed by an experienced board of directors and a team of skilled and dedicated employees.

#### Objectives and activities

The principal activity of the company during the year was that of the advancement of the evangelical Christian faith amongst students.

The Vision is to give every student in Ireland an opportunity to respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Mission Statement of the company states their mission is students reaching students for Christ.

This mission statement is distilled into a set of core values which are:

1. Fuelled by the gospel of **Grace**
2. Confident in the sufficiency of **Scripture**
3. Joyfully **dependent** on God
4. Striving for **unity** in Christ
5. Generously serving the **Church**
6. Passionately engaged in **God's world**
7. Investing in dynamic **student-leadership**

#### Strategic report

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form the strategic report of the charity.

#### Achievements and performance

During the year Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust continued to work amongst student communities in Northern Ireland to further advance their work. Workers in these communities are encouraged to act by and spread the core values in order to work towards achieving the mission statement.

#### Financial review

Results for the year ended 31 August 2024 are given in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 9. The assets and liabilities as at 31 August 2024 are given on the Statement of Financial Position on page 10. The financial statements should be read in conjunction with their related notes, which appear on pages 11 to 18 and have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice.

In summary:

- total incoming resources increased by 4.87% (2023: decreased by 3.13%) to £361,448 (2023: £344,667)

- total resources expended increased by 12.9% (2023: increased by 8.19%) to £420,144 (2023: £372,138)

- net deficit for the year on total funds was £58,696 (2023: net deficit of £27,461)

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2024

#### **Designated Reserves**

In order to make a judgment on the amount of reserve the Board consider the risks in respect of expenditure, unrestricted income and where appropriate restricted income and where funds can only be realised by the disposal of a fixed asset.

A risk assessment is undertaken annually and determined using a Risk Identification approach. Also taken into consideration are any external identified potential major risks to income and expenditure during the year under consideration. Designated reserves therefore reflect areas outlined in the Organisations Risk Register which is maintained to ensure identified risks are mitigated for and managed appropriately.

#### **The organisations reserves policy (agreed March 2024):**

The Trustees consider it part of good governance to keep an amount in free reserves commensurate to what might be required by the Trust to weather a difficult period. Three months of average budgeted expenditure is deemed to be an appropriate target. The Trust isn't considered to be overly reliant on any particular donor, or narrow set of donors. Further there is no history or expectation of unusually large one-off expenditure. The Trust's largest committed cost is staff cost, with relatively small property commitments. In extremis, the Trust would be able to place staff on notice, which would be three months in the longest scenario.

In addition, the Trustees are exploring other liquidity options such as agreeing a bank overdraft to cover any unexpected short-term shortfalls.

Reserves and Risk are reviewed regularly as part of the Business Planning and included in Financial reporting at regular Board Meetings.

#### **Risk Management**

The Board has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register has been established and is updated at least annually. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces.

#### **Public Benefit Statement/Declaration**

Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust provides benefit to students by promoting the formation and growth of Christian Union groups run by students for students.

We deepen and strengthen the spiritual life of students through Bible teaching, study and prayer. This in turn benefits the wider church that students belong to by increasing their knowledge and opportunities for service within the church.

We encourage students to obey God's commission to go into all the world with the Gospel, sharing in this privilege by giving, praying and serving in every area of life to which God calls them. This in turn promotes the adoption of a moral framework which encourages students to be good citizens in their university, church and society.

We provide opportunities for students to engage with students from other universities throughout Northern Ireland, Ireland, UK, Europe and the World through our sister movements in 153+ countries worldwide under the umbrella movement IFES. The organisation's beneficiaries are students in third level education institutions across Northern Ireland.

All of the above benefits will be evidenced through:

- Training events for Christian Union leadership teams;
- EQUIP Festival - a training event open to any student from any Christian Union in Ireland;
- Co-operation with local churches and other mission agencies to offer students opportunities for service in their local communities and society;
- Regular surveying of student training needs and service opportunities – via Christian Union groups;
- Facilitating the meeting of a Student Council (a selected group of student leaders from across Ireland) to gain feedback on Christian Unions Ireland activities and give student input into the decision making process of the organisation.

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2024

• The Board of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust has 2 student representatives, chosen annually from current Christian Union Leaders. The only private benefit flowing from our purposes is related to the employment of our staff who receive benefits as a result of their employment. However, we consider this to be incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purposes. We do not anticipate that any harm will flow from any of our purposes.

#### **Trustees' responsibilities statement**

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

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

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping 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.

#### **Auditor**

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The auditor is deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 15 March 2025. and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr Martin Agnew - Chair  
Trustee

Mr Iain Hamill  
Trustee

# **Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

**Year ended 31 August 2024**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- 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 the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the 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.

# **Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 August 2024**

#### **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. 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Opinions on other matters 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.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the 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 in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2024

#### Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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:

We developed an understanding of the key fraud risks to the entity (including how fraud might occur), the controls in place to help mitigate those risks, and the accounts, balances and disclosures within the financial statements which may be susceptible to management bias. Our understanding was obtained through review of the financial statements for significant accounting estimates, analysis of journal entries, walkthrough of the key control cycles in place and enquiry of management.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment 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 internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

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### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2024

- 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.

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.

#### **Use of our report**

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.

Michael Flannigan  
(Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of  
FEB Chartered Accountants  
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor  
26 Linenhall Exchange  
Belfast  
BT2 8BG

15 March 2025

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 31 August 2024

		2024			2023
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
<b>Income and endowments</b>					
Donations and legacies	5	335,103	20,000	<b>355,103</b>	343,246
Investment income	6	6,345	–	<b>6,345</b>	1,431
<b>Total income</b>		<u>341,448</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u><b>361,448</b></u>	<u>344,677</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	7	382,983	31,620	<b>414,603</b>	367,271
Expenditure on charitable activities	8,9	5,541	–	<b>5,541</b>	4,867
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>388,524</u>	<u>31,620</u>	<u><b>420,144</b></u>	<u>372,138</u>
<b>Net expenditure and net movement in funds</b>					
		<u>(47,076)</u>	<u>(11,620)</u>	<u><b>(58,696)</b></u>	<u>(27,461)</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		165,186	52,338	<b>217,524</b>	244,985
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>118,110</u>	<u>40,718</u>	<u><b>158,828</b></u>	<u>217,524</u>

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

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Statement of Financial Position

31 August 2024

	Note	2024 £	£	2023 £
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors	14	7,826		8,672
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>197,589</u>		<u>241,324</u>
		<b>205,415</b>		249,996
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	15	<u>46,587</u>		<u>32,472</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>158,828</b>	217,524
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<b>158,828</b>	<u>217,524</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<b>158,828</b>	<u>217,524</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>				
Restricted funds			<b>40,718</b>	52,338
Unrestricted funds			<b>118,110</b>	<u>165,186</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>	17		<b>158,828</b>	<u>217,524</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 25 February 2023, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr Martin Agnew - Chair  
Trustee

Mr Iain Hamill  
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 18 form part of these financial statements.

# **Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

#### **Year ended 31 August 2024**

#### **1. General information**

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 6 University Road, Belfast, BT7 1NH.

#### **2. Statement of compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

#### **3. Accounting policies**

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

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

##### **Going concern**

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

##### **Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2024

#### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

##### Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

##### Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

##### Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2024

#### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

##### Defined contribution plans *(continued)*

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

#### 4. Limited by guarantee

Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust was registered on 27 January 1998 as a company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital. The liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £1. It is also a charity registered with HM Revenue & Customs.

#### 5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
<b>Donations</b>			
General - Individuals	82,484	–	<b>82,484</b>
General - Churches	14,489	–	<b>14,489</b>
Team - Individuals	63,391	–	<b>63,391</b>
Team - Churches	37,189	–	<b>37,189</b>
General - Student	755	–	<b>755</b>
Trusts/Legacy	67,964	20,000	<b>87,964</b>
Tax	28,119	–	<b>28,119</b>
IFES	18,824	–	<b>18,824</b>
EQUIP Conference	13,894	–	<b>13,894</b>
Student/Conference	7,994	–	<b>7,994</b>
	<u>335,103</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u><b>355,103</b></u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Donations</b>			
General - Individuals	81,131	–	81,131
General - Churches	11,717	–	11,717
Team - Individuals	64,229	–	64,229
Team - Churches	30,438	–	30,438
General - Student	870	–	870
Trusts/Legacy	69,261	25,000	94,261
Tax	26,520	–	26,520
IFES	20,268	–	20,268
EQUIP Conference	12,694	–	12,694
Student/Conference	1,118	–	1,118
	<u>318,246</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>343,246</u>

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2024

#### 6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds	<b>Total Funds 2024</b>	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Income from cash investments	<u>6,345</u>	<u>6,345</u>	<u>1,431</u>	<u>1,431</u>

#### 7. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	<b>Total Funds 2024</b>
	£	£	£
Costs of raising donations and legacies - Donations	<u>382,983</u>	<u>31,620</u>	<u>414,603</u>

  

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Costs of raising donations and legacies - Donations	<u>367,271</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>367,271</u>

#### 8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds	<b>Total Funds 2024</b>	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£
Support costs	<u>5,541</u>	<u>5,541</u>	<u>4,867</u>	<u>4,867</u>

#### 9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Support costs	<b>Total funds 2024</b>	Total fund 2023
	£	£	£
Governance costs	<u>5,541</u>	<u>5,541</u>	<u>4,867</u>

#### 10. Auditors remuneration

	<b>2024</b>	2023
	£	£
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>2,730</u>	<u>2,730</u>

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2024

#### 11. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	187,322	167,455
Social security costs	10,895	9,041
Employer contributions to pension plans	7,827	5,988
	<u>206,044</u>	<u>182,484</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 8 (2023: 8). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Number of administrative staff	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2023: Nil).

#### 12. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

#### 13. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	6,441	8,245
Other debtors	1,385	427
	<u>7,826</u>	<u>8,672</u>

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	39,154	27,449
Accruals and deferred income	1,860	1,860
Social security and other taxes	5,382	3,163
Other creditors	191	–
	<u>46,587</u>	<u>32,472</u>

#### 15. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

##### Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £7,827 (2023: £5,988).

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2024

#### 16. Analysis of charitable funds

##### Unrestricted funds

	At 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2024 £
General funds	<u>165,186</u>	<u>341,448</u>	<u>(388,524)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>118,110</u>

	At 1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2023 £
General funds	<u>180,914</u>	<u>319,677</u>	<u>(372,138)</u>	<u>36,733</u>	<u>165,186</u>

##### Restricted funds

	At 1 September 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2024 £
North West Fund	11,571	-	(7,000)	-	4,571
Comms & Database Fund	13,267	-	(4,620)	-	8,647
Limerick Fund	27,500	20,000	(20,000)	-	27,500
	<u>52,338</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>(31,620)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,718</u>

	At 1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2023 £
North West Fund	18,571	-	-	(7,000)	11,571
Comms & Database Fund	23,000	-	-	(9,733)	13,267
Limerick Fund	22,500	25,000	-	(20,000)	27,500
	<u>64,071</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(36,733)</u>	<u>52,338</u>

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2024

#### 16. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

##### ***Fund descriptions***

Restricted funds are amounts to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund together with a fair allocation of overhead and support costs. The Trustees have no control over these funds other than ensuring they are spent for the purposes intended by the donors and therefore no target level has been set.

Unrestricted funds are freely available to spend on any of the charity's purposes.

Calculation of general reserves	£
Operating costs	271,041
3-month target level	67,760

##### ***Comparison of policy with actual***

	£
Total unrestricted funds	118,110
Less: tangible fixed assets	(0)
Available reserves	<u>118,110</u>
Less: Target general reserves	<u>(67,760)</u>
Surplus reserves	<u><b>50,350</b></u>

The directors are comfortable with the current level of reserves given significant anticipated strategic expenditure in the upcoming period.

#### 17. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Current assets	164,697	40,718	205,415
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(46,587)</u>	-	<u>(46,587)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u><b>118,110</b></u>	<u><b>40,718</b></u>	<u><b>158,828</b></u>

  

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Current assets	197,658	52,338	249,996
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(32,472)</u>	-	<u>(32,472)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u><b>165,186</b></u>	<u><b>52,338</b></u>	<u><b>217,524</b></u>

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2024

#### 18. Related parties

Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust has the following related parties due to common control:

Christian Unions Ireland.

Particulars of material transactions during the year and the year end balances are as follows:

	<b>Transaction Values</b>	<b>Balance Sheet Values</b>	<b>Transaction Values</b>	<b>Balance Sheet Values</b>
	£	£	£	£
Payments to Christian Union Ireland	<u>75,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>-</u>

**Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

**Company Limited by Guarantee**

**Management Information**

**Year ended 31 August 2024**

**The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.**

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 August 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Income and endowments</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
General - Individuals	82,484	81,131
General - Churches	14,489	11,717
Team - Individuals	63,391	64,229
Team - Churches	37,189	30,438
General - Student	755	870
Trusts/Legacy	87,964	94,261
Tax	28,119	26,520
IFES	18,824	20,268
EQUIP Conference	13,894	12,694
Student/Conference	7,994	1,118
	<u>355,103</u>	<u>343,246</u>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Income from cash investments	6,345	1,431
	<u>6,345</u>	<u>1,431</u>
<b>Total income</b>	<u>361,448</u>	<u>344,677</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>Costs of raising donations and legacies</b>		
Wages and salaries	187,322	167,455
Employer's NIC	10,895	9,041
Pension costs	7,827	5,988
Gift to IFES	15,087	23,160
Rent	3,836	5,040
EQUIP Conference Costs	41,743	19,998
Student/Conference Costs	11,761	5,703
Relay Costs	5,513	2,403
Other motor/travel costs	14,132	14,321
Legal and professional fees	6,844	1,633
To CUI ROI	75,000	70,000
Sundry Expenses	5,605	4,789
Promotion & publicity	8,340	9,716
Recruitment & training	7,723	16,306
Printing, stationary & postage	9,392	7,194
Computer expenses	3,583	6,927
	<u>414,603</u>	<u>367,271</u>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>		
Legal and professional fees	3,675	3,210
Other interest payable and similar charges	1,866	1,657
	<u>5,541</u>	<u>4,867</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>420,144</u>	<u>372,138</u>

**Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

**Company Limited by Guarantee**

**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**

**Year ended 31 August 2024**

**Net expenditure**

(58,696)

(27,461)

**Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102525

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# Accounts

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**Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust  
Company Limited by Guarantee  
Financial Statements  
31 August 2023**

**FEB CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

Chartered accountants & statutory auditor

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# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

Company Limited by Guarantee

Financial Statements

Year ended 31 August 2023

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# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

#### Year ended 31 August 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023.

#### Reference and administrative details

**Registered charity name** Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

**Charity registration number** NIC102525

**Company registration number** NI33539

**Principal office and registered office** 6 University Road  
Belfast  
BT7 1NH

#### The trustees who served during the year

Mr Martin Agnew - Chair  
Dr Edward Cox – Vice Chair (Resigned 3 June 2023)  
Mr Gavin Rothwell - Treasurer  
Mrs Catrin Carolan  
Prof John Gillespie  
Mr Iain Hamill (Appointed 3 June 2023)  
Ms Julie Hamilton (Appointed 3 June 2023)  
(Appointed 24 September 2022 & resigned 23 September 2023)  
Mr Daniel Moorcroft  
Ms Helen McNeely  
Mr Cassells Morrell (Appointed 3 June 2023)  
Prof Frank Peters  
Ms Bethany Petrie (Resigned 24 September 2022)  
Mr Jonathan Reid  
Mr Gavin Taylor (Resigned 24 September 2022)  
(Appointed 24 September 2022 & resigned 23 September 2023)  
Miss Julia Yermak

**Company secretary** Mr Mark Ellis (Resigned 23 September 2023)  
Mr Chris McBurney (Appointed 23 September 2023)

**Auditor** FEB Chartered Accountants  
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor  
Linenhall Exchange  
First Floor  
26 Linenhall Street  
Belfast  
BT2 8BG

**Bankers** AIB (NI)  
11-15 Donegall Square North  
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BT1 5GB

**Solicitors** MacCorkell Legal & Commercial  
Private Client & Commercial Solicitors  
Garvey Studios  
8-10 Longstone Street  
Lisburn  
BT28 1TP

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2023

#### Structure, governance and management

Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust is a registered charity and operates as a company limited by guarantee. The company is managed by an experienced board of directors and a team of skilled and dedicated employees.

#### Objectives and activities

The principal activity of the company during the year was that of the advancement of the evangelical Christian faith amongst students.

The Vision is to give every student in Ireland an opportunity to respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Mission Statement of the company states their mission is students reaching students for Christ.

This mission statement is distilled into a set of core values which are:

1. Fuelled by the gospel of **Grace**
2. Confident in the sufficiency of **Scripture**
3. Joyfully **dependent** on God
4. Striving for **unity** in Christ
5. Generously serving the **Church**
6. Passionately engaged in **God's world**
7. Investing in dynamic **student-leadership**

#### Strategic report

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form the strategic report of the charity.

#### Achievements and performance

During the year Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust continued to work amongst student communities in Northern Ireland to further advance their work. Workers in these communities are encouraged to act by and spread the core values in order to work towards achieving the mission statement.

#### Financial review

Results for the year ended 31 August 2023 are given in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 9. The assets and liabilities as at 31 August 2023 are given on the Statement of Financial Position on page 10. The financial statements should be read in conjunction with their related notes, which appear on pages 11 to 16 and have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice.

In summary:

- total incoming resources decreased by 3.13% (2022: increased by 9.99%) to £344,677 (2022: £355,831)
- total resources expended increased by 8.19% (2022: increased by 39.2%) to £372,138 (2022: £343,977)
- net deficit for the year on total funds was £27,461 (2022: net surplus of £11,854)

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2023

##### **Designated Reserves**

In order to make a judgment on the amount of reserve the Board consider the risks in respect of expenditure, unrestricted income and where appropriate restricted income and where funds can only be realised by the disposal of a fixed asset.

A risk assessment is undertaken annually and determined using a Risk Identification approach. Also taken into consideration are any external identified potential major risks to income and expenditure during the year under consideration. Designated reserves therefore reflect areas outlined in the Organisations Risk Register which is maintained to ensure identified risks are mitigated for and managed appropriately.

The Organisation has adopted a policy to build up and retain cash reserves equalling 3 months running costs, to reflect:

- delays in funding receipts,
- withdrawal or reduction of funding
- support for Organisational growth

Reserves and Risk are reviewed regularly as part of the Business Planning and included in Financial reporting at regular Board Meetings.

##### **Risk Management**

The Board has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register has been established and is updated at least annually. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces.

##### **Public Benefit Statement/Declaration**

Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust provides benefit to students by promoting the formation and growth of Christian Union groups run by students for students.

We deepen and strengthen the spiritual life of students through Bible teaching, study and prayer. This in turn benefits the wider church that students belong to by increasing their knowledge and opportunities for service within the church.

We encourage students to obey God's commission to go into all the world with the Gospel, sharing in this privilege by giving, praying and serving in every area of life to which God calls them. This in turn promotes the adoption of a moral framework which encourages students to be good citizens in their university, church and society.

We provide opportunities for students to engage with students from other universities throughout Northern Ireland, Ireland, UK, Europe and the World through our sister movements in 153+ countries worldwide under the umbrella movement IFES. The organisation's beneficiaries are students in third level education institutions across Northern Ireland.

All of the above benefits will be evidenced through:

- Training events for Christian Union leadership teams;
- EQUIP Festival - a training event open to any student from any Christian Union in Ireland;
- Co-operation with local churches and other mission agencies to offer students opportunities for service in their local communities and society;
- Regular surveying of student training needs and service opportunities – via Christian Union groups;
- Facilitating the meeting of a Student Council (a selected group of student leaders from across Ireland) to gain feedback on Christian Unions Ireland activities and give student input into the decision making process of the organisation.
- The Board of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust has 2 student representatives, chosen annually from current Christian Union Leaders. The only private benefit flowing from our purposes is related to the employment of our staff who receive benefits as a result of their employment. However, we consider this to be incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purposes. We do not anticipate that any harm will flow from any of our purposes.

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2023

#### Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

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

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping 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.

#### Auditor

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The auditor is deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 2 March 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr Martin Agnew - Chair  
Trustee

Mr Iain Hamill  
Trustee

# **Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

**Year ended 31 August 2023**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- 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 the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the 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.

# **Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 August 2023**

#### **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. 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Opinions on other matters 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.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the 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 in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

# **Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 August 2023**

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the Company through enquiry of management, industry research and the application of cumulative audit knowledge. We identified the following principal laws and regulations relevant to the Company - Companies Act 2006 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

We developed an understanding of the key fraud risks to the entity (including how fraud might occur), the controls in place to help mitigate those risks, and the accounts, balances and disclosures within the financial statements which may be susceptible to management bias. Our understanding was obtained through review of the financial statements for significant accounting estimates, analysis of journal entries, walkthrough of the key control cycles in place and enquiry of management.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment 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 internal control.

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2023

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the 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.

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.

#### Use of our report

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.

Michael Flannigan  
(Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of  
FEB Chartered Accountants  
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor  
Linenhall Exchange  
26 Linenhall Street  
Belfast  
BT2 8BG

2 March 2024

**Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**  
**Company Limited by Guarantee**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**(including income and expenditure account)**

**Year ended 31 August 2023**

		<b>2023</b>		2022	
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
<b>Income and endowments</b>					
Donations and legacies	<b>5</b>	318,246	25,000	<b>343,246</b>	355,400
Investment income	<b>6</b>	1,431	–	<b>1,431</b>	431
<b>Total income</b>		<u>319,677</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u><b>344,677</b></u>	<u>355,831</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	<b>7</b>	367,271	–	<b>367,271</b>	339,851
Expenditure on charitable activities	<b>8,9</b>	4,867	–	<b>4,867</b>	4,126
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>372,138</u>	<u>–</u>	<u><b>372,138</b></u>	<u>343,977</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income and net movement in funds</b>					
		<u>(52,461)</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u><b>(27,461)</b></u>	<u>11,854</u>
Transfers between funds		36,733	(36,733)	–	–
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(15,728)</u>	<u>(11,733)</u>	<u><b>(27,461)</b></u>	<u>11,854</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		180,914	64,071	<b>244,985</b>	233,131
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>165,186</u>	<u>52,338</u>	<u><b>217,524</b></u>	<u>244,985</u>

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

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Statement of Financial Position

31 August 2023

	Note	2023 £	£	2022 £
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors	13	8,672		7,225
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>241,324</u>		<u>272,209</u>
		<b>249,996</b>		<b>279,434</b>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	14	<u>32,472</u>		<u>34,449</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>217,524</b>	<b>244,985</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u><b>217,524</b></u>	<u><b>244,985</b></u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<u><b>217,524</b></u>	<u><b>244,985</b></u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>				
Restricted funds			<b>52,338</b>	64,071
Unrestricted funds			<u><b>165,186</b></u>	<u>180,914</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>	17		<u><b>217,524</b></u>	<u><b>244,985</b></u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 2 March 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr Martin Agnew - Chair  
Trustee

Mr Iain Hamill  
Trustee

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

# **Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 August 2023**

#### **1. General information**

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 6 University Road, Belfast, BT7 1NH.

#### **2. Statement of compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

#### **3. Accounting policies**

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

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

##### **Going concern**

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

##### **Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2023

#### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

##### Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

##### Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

##### Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2023

#### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

##### Defined contribution plans *(continued)*

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

#### 4. Limited by guarantee

Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust was registered on 27 January 1998 as a company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital. The liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £1. It is also a charity registered with HM Revenue & Customs.

#### 5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
<b>Donations</b>			
General - Individuals	81,131	–	81,131
General - Churches	11,717	–	11,717
Team - Individuals	64,229	–	64,229
Team - Churches	30,438	–	30,438
Trusts/Legacy	69,261	25,000	94,261
Tax	26,520	–	26,520
IFES	20,268	–	20,268
Other	12,694	–	12,694
General - Student	870	–	870
Student/Conference	1,118	–	1,118
	<u>318,246</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>343,246</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Donations</b>			
General - Individuals	83,419	–	83,419
General - Churches	7,754	–	7,754
Team - Individuals	65,278	–	65,278
Team - Churches	54,021	–	54,021
Trusts/Legacy	48,379	42,500	90,879
Tax	28,671	–	28,671
IFES	14,840	–	14,840
Other	500	–	500
Resources	25	–	25
General - Student	713	–	713
Student/Conference	9,300	–	9,300
	<u>312,900</u>	<u>42,500</u>	<u>355,400</u>

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2023

#### 6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds	<b>Total Funds 2023</b>	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Income from cash investments	<u>1,431</u>	<u>1,431</u>	<u>431</u>	<u>431</u>

#### 7. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	<b>Total Funds 2023</b>
	£	£	£
Costs of raising donations and legacies - Donations	<u>367,271</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>367,271</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
Costs of raising donations and legacies - Donations	<u>339,851</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>339,851</u>

#### 8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds	<b>Total Funds 2023</b>	Unrestricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Support costs	<u>4,867</u>	<u>4,867</u>	<u>4,126</u>	<u>4,126</u>

#### 9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Support costs	<b>Total funds 2023</b>	Total fund 2022
	£	£	£
Governance costs	<u>4,867</u>	<u>4,867</u>	<u>4,126</u>

#### 10. Auditors remuneration

	<b>2023</b>	2022
	£	£
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>2,730</u>	<u>2,730</u>

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2023

#### 11. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	167,455	158,331
Social security costs	9,041	8,996
Employer contributions to pension plans	5,988	8,078
	<u>182,484</u>	<u>175,405</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 8 (2022: 7). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Number of administrative staff	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2022: Nil).

#### 12. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

#### 13. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	8,245	6,691
Other debtors	427	534
	<u>8,672</u>	<u>7,225</u>

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Trade creditors	27,449	28,265
Accruals and deferred income	1,860	1,860
Social security and other taxes	3,163	4,324
	<u>32,472</u>	<u>34,449</u>

#### 15. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

##### Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £5,988 (2022: £8,078).

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2023

#### 16. Analysis of charitable funds

##### Unrestricted funds

	At 1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2023 £
General funds	180,914	319,677	(372,138)	36,733	165,186

  

	At 1 September 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2022 £
General funds	200,560	313,331	(343,977)	11,000	180,914

##### Restricted funds

	At 1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2023 £
North West Fund	18,571	–	–	(7,000)	11,571
Comms & Database Fund	23,000	–	–	(9,733)	13,267
Limerick Fund	22,500	25,000	–	(20,000)	27,500
	<u>64,071</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(36,733)</u>	<u>52,338</u>

	At 1 September 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2022 £
Waterford Fund	4,000	–	–	(4,000)	–
North West Fund	20,571	5,000	–	(7,000)	18,571
Comms & Database Fund	8,000	15,000	–	–	23,000
Resources Fund	–	–	–	–	–
Limerick Fund	–	22,500	–	–	22,500
	<u>32,571</u>	<u>42,500</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(11,000)</u>	<u>64,071</u>

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2023

#### 16. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

##### **Fund descriptions**

Restricted funds are amounts to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund together with a fair allocation of overhead and support costs. The Trustees have no control over these funds other than ensuring they are spent for the purposes intended by the donors and therefore no target level has been set.

Unrestricted funds are freely available to spend on any of the charity's purposes.

Calculation of general reserves	£
Operating costs	253,277
3 month target level	63,319

##### **Comparison of policy with actual**

	£
Total unrestricted funds	165,186
Less: tangible fixed assets	<u>(0)</u>
Available reserves	165,186
Less: target general reserves	<u>(63,319)</u>
Surplus reserves	<u><b>101,867</b></u>

#### 17. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
Current assets	197,658	52,338	249,996
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(32,472)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(32,472)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u><b>165,186</b></u>	<u><b>52,338</b></u>	<u><b>217,524</b></u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
Current assets	215,363	64,071	279,434
Creditors less than 1 year	<u>(34,449)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(34,449)</u>
<b>Net assets</b>	<u><b>180,914</b></u>	<u><b>64,071</b></u>	<u><b>244,985</b></u>

#### 18. Related parties

Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust has the following related parties due to common control:

Christian Unions Ireland.

Particulars of material transactions during the year and the year end balances are as follows:

	Transaction Values Aug-2023	Balance Sheet Values Aug-2023	Transaction Values Aug-2022	Balance Sheet Values Aug-2022
	£	£	£	£
Payments to Christian Union Ireland	<u><b>70,000</b></u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>-</u>

**Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

**Company Limited by Guarantee**

**Management Information**

**Year ended 31 August 2023**

**The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.**

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 August 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Income and endowments</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
General - Individuals	81,131	83,419
General - Churches	11,717	7,754
Team - Individuals	64,229	65,278
Team - Churches	30,438	54,021
Trusts/Legacy	94,261	90,879
Tax	26,520	28,671
IFES	20,268	14,840
Other	12,694	500
Resources	-	25
General - Student	870	713
Student/Conference	1,118	9,300
	<u>343,246</u>	<u>355,400</u>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Income from cash investments	1,431	431
	<u>344,677</u>	<u>355,831</u>

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>Costs of raising donations and legacies</b>		
Wages and salaries	167,455	158,331
Employer's NIC	9,041	8,996
Pension costs	5,988	8,078
Gifts to IFES	23,160	34,565
Rent	5,040	6,876
Student conference	25,701	27,561
Other motor/travel costs	14,321	14,343
Legal and professional fees	1,633	13
To CUI ROI	70,000	50,000
Sundry Expenses	4,789	5,832
Promotion & publicity	9,716	7,832
Recruitment & training	16,306	6,709
Printing, stationary & postage	7,194	5,683
Computer expenses	6,927	5,032
	<u>367,271</u>	<u>339,851</u>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>		
Legal and professional fees	3,210	2,730
Other interest payable and similar charges	1,657	1,396
	<u>4,867</u>	<u>4,126</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>372,138</u>	<u>343,977</u>
<b>Net (expenditure)/income</b>	<u>(27,461)</u>	<u>11,854</u>

**Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102525

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# Annual report

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# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

#### Year ended 31 August 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023.

#### Reference and administrative details

**Registered charity name** Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

**Charity registration number** NIC102525

**Company registration number** NI33539

**Principal office and registered office** 6 University Road  
Belfast  
BT7 1NH

#### The trustees who served during the year

Mr Martin Agnew - Chair  
Dr Edward Cox – Vice Chair (Resigned 3 June 2023)  
Mr Gavin Rothwell - Treasurer  
Mrs Catrin Carolan  
Prof John Gillespie  
Mr Iain Hamill (Appointed 3 June 2023)  
Ms Julie Hamilton (Appointed 3 June 2023)  
(Appointed 24 September 2022 & resigned 23 September 2023)  
Mr Daniel Moorcroft  
Ms Helen McNeely  
Mr Cassells Morrell (Appointed 3 June 2023)  
Prof Frank Peters  
Ms Bethany Petrie (Resigned 24 September 2022)  
Mr Jonathan Reid  
Mr Gavin Taylor (Resigned 24 September 2022)  
(Appointed 24 September 2022 & resigned 23 September 2023)  
Miss Julia Yermak

**Company secretary** Mr Mark Ellis (Resigned 23 September 2023)  
Mr Chris McBurney (Appointed 23 September 2023)

**Auditor** FEB Chartered Accountants  
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor  
Linenhall Exchange  
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Belfast  
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**Bankers** AIB (NI)  
11-15 Donegall Square North  
Belfast  
BT1 5GB

**Solicitors** MacCorkell Legal & Commercial  
Private Client & Commercial Solicitors  
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# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2023

#### Structure, governance and management

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The Vision is to give every student in Ireland an opportunity to respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Mission Statement of the company states their mission is students reaching students for Christ.

This mission statement is distilled into a set of core values which are:

1. Fuelled by the gospel of **Grace**
2. Confident in the sufficiency of **Scripture**
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4. Striving for **unity** in Christ
5. Generously serving the **Church**
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#### Strategic report

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form the strategic report of the charity.

#### Achievements and performance

During the year Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust continued to work amongst student communities in Northern Ireland to further advance their work. Workers in these communities are encouraged to act by and spread the core values in order to work towards achieving the mission statement.

#### Financial review

Results for the year ended 31 August 2023 are given in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 9. The assets and liabilities as at 31 August 2023 are given on the Statement of Financial Position on page 10. The financial statements should be read in conjunction with their related notes, which appear on pages 11 to 16 and have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice.

In summary:

- total incoming resources decreased by 3.13% (2022: increased by 9.99%) to £344,677 (2022: £355,831)

- total resources expended increased by 8.19% (2022: increased by 39.2%) to £372,138 (2022: £343,977)

- net deficit for the year on total funds was £27,461 (2022: net surplus of £11,854)

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2023

##### **Designated Reserves**

In order to make a judgment on the amount of reserve the Board consider the risks in respect of expenditure, unrestricted income and where appropriate restricted income and where funds can only be realised by the disposal of a fixed asset.

A risk assessment is undertaken annually and determined using a Risk Identification approach. Also taken into consideration are any external identified potential major risks to income and expenditure during the year under consideration. Designated reserves therefore reflect areas outlined in the Organisations Risk Register which is maintained to ensure identified risks are mitigated for and managed appropriately.

The Organisation has adopted a policy to build up and retain cash reserves equalling 3 months running costs, to reflect:

- delays in funding receipts,
- withdrawal or reduction of funding
- support for Organisational growth

Reserves and Risk are reviewed regularly as part of the Business Planning and included in Financial reporting at regular Board Meetings.

##### **Risk Management**

The Board has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register has been established and is updated at least annually. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces.

##### **Public Benefit Statement/Declaration**

Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust provides benefit to students by promoting the formation and growth of Christian Union groups run by students for students.

We deepen and strengthen the spiritual life of students through Bible teaching, study and prayer. This in turn benefits the wider church that students belong to by increasing their knowledge and opportunities for service within the church.

We encourage students to obey God's commission to go into all the world with the Gospel, sharing in this privilege by giving, praying and serving in every area of life to which God calls them. This in turn promotes the adoption of a moral framework which encourages students to be good citizens in their university, church and society.

We provide opportunities for students to engage with students from other universities throughout Northern Ireland, Ireland, UK, Europe and the World through our sister movements in 153+ countries worldwide under the umbrella movement IFES. The organisation's beneficiaries are students in third level education institutions across Northern Ireland.

All of the above benefits will be evidenced through:

- Training events for Christian Union leadership teams;
- EQUIP Festival - a training event open to any student from any Christian Union in Ireland;
- Co-operation with local churches and other mission agencies to offer students opportunities for service in their local communities and society;
- Regular surveying of student training needs and service opportunities – via Christian Union groups;
- Facilitating the meeting of a Student Council (a selected group of student leaders from across Ireland) to gain feedback on Christian Unions Ireland activities and give student input into the decision making process of the organisation.
- The Board of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust has 2 student representatives, chosen annually from current Christian Union Leaders. The only private benefit flowing from our purposes is related to the employment of our staff who receive benefits as a result of their employment. However, we consider this to be incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purposes. We do not anticipate that any harm will flow from any of our purposes.

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2023

#### Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

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

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping 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.

#### Auditor

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The auditor is deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 2 March 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr Martin Agnew - Chair  
Trustee

Mr Iain Hamill  
Trustee

**Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102525

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# Annual return

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# **Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

**Year ended 31 August 2023**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- 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 the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the 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.

# **Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 August 2023**

#### **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. 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Opinions on other matters 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.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the 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 in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

# **Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 August 2023**

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the Company through enquiry of management, industry research and the application of cumulative audit knowledge. We identified the following principal laws and regulations relevant to the Company - Companies Act 2006 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

We developed an understanding of the key fraud risks to the entity (including how fraud might occur), the controls in place to help mitigate those risks, and the accounts, balances and disclosures within the financial statements which may be susceptible to management bias. Our understanding was obtained through review of the financial statements for significant accounting estimates, analysis of journal entries, walkthrough of the key control cycles in place and enquiry of management.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment 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 internal control.

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2023

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the 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.

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.

#### Use of our report

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.

Michael Flannigan  
(Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of  
FEB Chartered Accountants  
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor  
Linenhall Exchange  
26 Linenhall Street  
Belfast  
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2 March 2024

**Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102525

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# Accounts

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**Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust  
Company Limited by Guarantee  
Financial Statements  
31 August 2022**

**FEB CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**

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# **Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 August 2022**

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# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

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#### Year ended 31 August 2022

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Ms Helen McNeely  
Prof Frank Peters  
Mr Jonathan Reid  
Ms Bethany Petrie (Appointed on 25/09/2021)  
Mr Gavin Taylor (Appointed on 25/09/2021)  
Mr James Crookes (Resigned on 12/03/2022)  
Ms Lois Tate (Resigned on 25/09/2021)  
Mr Andrew Wood-Martin (Resigned on 25/09/2021)

**Company secretary** Mr Mark Ellis

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# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2022

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#### ***Risk Management***

The Board has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register has been established and is updated at least annually. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces.

#### ***Public Benefit Statement/Declaration***

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# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2022

#### Trustees' responsibilities statement

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Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

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

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- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping 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.

#### Auditor

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The auditor is deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 25 February 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr Martin Agnew - Chair  
Trustee

Mr Gavin Rothwell  
Treasurer

# **Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

**Year ended 31 August 2022**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- 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 the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the 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.

# **Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 August 2022**

#### **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. 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Opinions on other matters 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.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the 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 in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

# **Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust** *(continued)*

**Year ended 31 August 2022**

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the Company through enquiry of management, industry research and the application of cumulative audit knowledge. We identified the following principal laws and regulations relevant to the Company - Companies Act 2006 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

We developed an understanding of the key fraud risks to the entity (including how fraud might occur), the controls in place to help mitigate those risks, and the accounts, balances and disclosures within the financial statements which may be susceptible to management bias. Our understanding was obtained through review of the financial statements for significant accounting estimates, analysis of journal entries, walkthrough of the key control cycles in place and enquiry of management.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment 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 internal control.

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### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2022

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the 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.

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.

#### Use of our report

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.

Michael Flannigan  
(Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of  
FEB Chartered Accountants  
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor  
Linenhall Exchange  
26 Linenhall Street  
Belfast  
BT2 8BG

25 February 2023

**Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**  
**Company Limited by Guarantee**  
**Statement of Financial Activities**  
**(including income and expenditure account)**

**Year ended 31 August 2022**

		<b>2022</b>	<b>2022</b>		2021
	<b>Note</b>	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	<b>Total funds £</b>	Total funds £
<b>Income and endowments</b>					
Donations and legacies	<b>5</b>	312,900	42,500	<b>355,400</b>	322,419
Investment income	<b>6</b>	431	–	<b>431</b>	1,086
<b>Total income</b>		<u>313,331</u>	<u>42,500</u>	<u><b>355,831</b></u>	<u>323,505</u>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Costs of raising donations and legacies	<b>7</b>	339,851	–	<b>339,851</b>	242,472
Expenditure on charitable activities	<b>8,9</b>	4,126	–	<b>4,126</b>	4,587
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<u>343,977</u>	<u>–</u>	<u><b>343,977</b></u>	<u>247,059</u>
<b>Net income</b>		<u>(30,646)</u>	<u>42,500</u>	<u><b>11,854</b></u>	<u>76,446</u>
Transfers between funds		11,000	(11,000)	–	–
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(19,646)</u>	<u>31,500</u>	<u><b>11,854</b></u>	<u>76,446</u>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>					
Total funds brought forward		200,560	32,571	<b>233,131</b>	156,685
<b>Total funds carried forward</b>		<u>180,914</u>	<u>64,071</u>	<u><b>244,985</b></u>	<u>233,131</u>

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

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Statement of Financial Position

31 August 2022

	Note	2022 £	£	2021 £
<b>Current assets</b>				
Debtors	13	7,225		8,024
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>272,209</u>		<u>247,187</u>
		<b>279,434</b>		255,211
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	14	<u>34,449</u>		<u>22,020</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>			<b>244,985</b>	233,131
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<b>244,985</b>	<u>233,131</u>
<b>Net assets</b>			<b>244,985</b>	<u>233,131</u>
<b>Funds of the charity</b>				
Restricted funds			<b>64,071</b>	32,571
Unrestricted funds			<b>180,914</b>	<u>200,560</u>
<b>Total charity funds</b>	16		<b>244,985</b>	<u>233,131</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 25 February 2023, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr Martin Agnew - Chair  
Trustee

Mr Gavin Rothwell  
Treasurer

The notes on pages 11 to 17 form part of these financial statements.

# **Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Notes to the Financial Statements**

**Year ended 31 August 2022**

#### **1. General information**

The charity is a public benefit entity and a private company limited by guarantee, registered in Northern Ireland and a registered charity in Northern Ireland. The address of the registered office is 6 University Road, Belfast, BT7 1NH.

#### **2. Statement of compliance**

These financial statements have been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the 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) (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Companies Act 2006.

#### **3. Accounting policies**

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

The financial statements have been prepared on the historical cost basis, as modified by the revaluation of certain financial assets and liabilities and investment properties measured at fair value through income or expenditure.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the entity.

##### **Going concern**

There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue.

##### **Judgements and key sources of estimation uncertainty**

The preparation of the financial statements requires management to make judgements, estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported. These estimates and judgements are continually reviewed and are based on experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees to further any of the charity's purposes.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular future project or commitment.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure declared by the donor or through the terms of an appeal, and fall into one of two sub-classes: restricted income funds or endowment funds.

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2022

#### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

##### Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when entitlement has passed to the charity; it is probable that the economic benefits associated with the transaction will flow to the charity and the amount can be reliably measured. The following specific policies are applied to particular categories of income:

- income from donations or grants is recognised when there is evidence of entitlement to the gift, receipt is probable and its amount can be measured reliably.
- legacy income is recognised when receipt is probable and entitlement is established.
- income from donated goods is measured at the fair value of the goods unless this is impractical to measure reliably, in which case the value is derived from the cost to the donor or the estimated resale value. Donated facilities and services are recognised in the accounts when received if the value can be reliably measured. No amounts are included for the contribution of general volunteers.
- income from contracts for the supply of services is recognised with the delivery of the contracted service. This is classified as unrestricted funds unless there is a contractual requirement for it to be spent on a particular purpose and returned if unspent, in which case it may be regarded as restricted.

##### Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and is classified under headings of the statement of financial activities to which it relates:

- expenditure on raising funds includes the costs of all fundraising activities, events, non-charitable trading activities, and the sale of donated goods.
- expenditure on charitable activities includes all costs incurred by a charity in undertaking activities that further its charitable aims for the benefit of its beneficiaries, including those support costs and costs relating to the governance of the charity apportioned to charitable activities.
- other expenditure includes all expenditure that is neither related to raising funds for the charity nor part of its expenditure on charitable activities.

All costs are allocated to expenditure categories reflecting the use of the resource. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs are apportioned between the activities they contribute to on a reasonable, justifiable and consistent basis.

##### Defined contribution plans

Contributions to defined contribution plans are recognised as an expense in the period in which the related service is provided. Prepaid contributions are recognised as an asset to the extent that the prepayment will lead to a reduction in future payments or a cash refund.

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2022

#### 3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

##### Defined contribution plans *(continued)*

When contributions are not expected to be settled wholly within 12 months of the end of the reporting date in which the employees render the related service, the liability is measured on a discounted present value basis. The unwinding of the discount is recognised as an expense in the period in which it arises.

#### 4. Limited by guarantee

Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust was registered on 27 January 1998 as a company limited by guarantee, not having a share capital. The liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £1. It is also a charity registered with HM Revenue & Customs.

#### 5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
<b>Donations</b>			
General - Individuals	83,419	–	83,419
General - Churches	7,754	–	7,754
General - Student	713	–	713
Team - Individuals	65,278	–	65,278
Team - Churches	54,021	–	54,021
Trusts/Legacy	48,379	42,500	90,879
Tax	28,671	–	28,671
IFES	14,840	–	14,840
Other	500	–	500
Resources	25	–	25
Student/Conference	9,300	–	9,300
	<u>312,900</u>	<u>42,500</u>	<u>355,400</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
<b>Donations</b>			
General - Individuals	76,589	–	76,589
General - Churches	9,122	–	9,122
General - Student	456	–	456
Team - Individuals	55,932	–	55,932
Team - Churches	46,541	–	46,541
Trusts/Legacy	71,400	15,000	86,400
Tax	25,044	–	25,044
IFES	15,655	–	15,655
Other	486	–	486
Resources	130	–	130
Student/Conference	6,064	–	6,064
	<u>307,419</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>322,419</u>

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

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### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2022

#### 6. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Income from cash investments	<u>431</u>	<u>431</u>	<u>1,086</u>	<u>1,086</u>

#### 7. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Costs of raising donations and legacies - Donations	<u>339,851</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>339,851</u>

  

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Costs of raising donations and legacies - Donations	<u>234,472</u>	<u>8,000</u>	<u>242,472</u>

#### 8. Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Support costs	<u>4,126</u>	<u>4,126</u>	<u>4,587</u>	<u>4,587</u>

#### 9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Support costs £	Total funds 2022 £	Total fund 2021 £
Governance costs	<u>4,126</u>	<u>4,126</u>	<u>4,587</u>

#### 10. Auditors remuneration

	2022 £	2021 £
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>2,730</u>	<u>2,760</u>

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2022

#### 11. Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	158,331	131,611
Social security costs	8,996	7,096
Employer contributions to pension plans	8,078	5,211
	<u>175,405</u>	<u>143,918</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 7 (2021: 6). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2022	2021
	No.	No.
Number of administrative staff	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year (2021: Nil).

#### 12. Trustee remuneration and expenses

No remuneration or other benefits from employment with the charity or a related entity were received by the trustees.

#### 13. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	6,691	6,961
Other debtors	534	1,063
	<u>7,225</u>	<u>8,024</u>

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

	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts owed to related undertakings	-	6,600
Trade creditors	28,265	10,335
Accruals and deferred income	1,860	3,377
Social security and other taxes	4,324	1,768
	<u>34,449</u>	<u>22,080</u>

#### 15. Pensions and other post retirement benefits

##### Defined contribution plans

The amount recognised in income or expenditure as an expense in relation to defined contribution plans was £8,078 (2021: £5,211).

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2022

#### 16. Analysis of charitable funds

##### Unrestricted funds

	At 1 September 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2022 £
General funds	<u>200,560</u>	<u>313,331</u>	<u>(343,977)</u>	<u>11,000</u>	<u>180,914</u>
	At 1 September 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2021 £
General funds	<u>131,114</u>	<u>308,505</u>	<u>(239,059)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>200,560</u>

##### Restricted funds

	At 1 September 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2022 £
Waterford Fund	4,000	–	–	(4,000)	–
North West Fund	20,571	5,000	–	(7,000)	18,571
Comms & Database Fund	8,000	15,000	–	–	23,000
Resources Fund	–	–	–	–	–
Limerick Fund	–	22,500	–	–	22,500
	<u>32,571</u>	<u>42,500</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>(11,000)</u>	<u>64,071</u>
	At 1 September 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 August 2021 £
Waterford Fund	4,000	–	–	–	4,000
North West Fund	10,571	10,000	–	–	20,571
Comms & Database Fund	11,000	–	(3,000)	–	8,000
Resources Fund	–	5,000	(5,000)	–	–
	<u>25,571</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>(8,000)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>32,571</u>

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2022

#### 16. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

##### **Fund descriptions**

Restricted funds are amounts to be used for specified purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is charged to the fund together with a fair allocation of overhead and support costs. The Trustees have no control over these funds other than ensuring they are spent for the purposes intended by the donors and therefore no target level has been set.

Unrestricted funds are freely available to spend on any of the charity's purposes.

Calculation of general reserves	£
Operating costs	259,412
3 month target level	64,853

##### **Comparison of policy with actual**

	£
Total unrestricted funds	180,914
Less: tangible fixed assets	(0)
Available reserves	180,914
Less: target general reserves	(64,853)
Surplus reserves	<u>116,061</u>

#### 17. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
Current assets	215,363	64,071	279,434
Creditors less than 1 year	(34,449)	-	(34,449)
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>180,914</u>	<u>64,071</u>	<u>244,985</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£
Current assets	222,640	32,571	255,211
Creditors less than 1 year	(22,080)	-	(22,080)
<b>Net assets</b>	<u>200,560</u>	<u>32,571</u>	<u>233,131</u>

#### 18. Related parties

Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust has the following related parties due to common control:

Christian Unions Ireland.

Particulars of material transactions during the year and the year end balances are as follows:

	Transaction Values Aug-2022	Balance Sheet Values Aug-2022	Transaction Values Aug-2021	Balance Sheet Values Aug-2021
	£	£	£	£
Payments to Christian Union Ireland	<u>50,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>(6,600)</u>

**Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

**Company Limited by Guarantee**

**Management Information**

**Year ended 31 August 2022**

**The following pages do not form part of the financial statements.**

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Detailed Statement of Financial Activities

Year ended 31 August 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Income and endowments</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
General - Individuals	83,419	76,589
General - Churches	7,754	9,122
General - Student	713	456
Team - Individuals	65,278	55,932
Team - Churches	54,021	46,541
Trusts/Legacy	90,879	86,400
Tax	28,671	25,044
IFES	14,840	15,655
Other	500	486
Resources	25	130
Student/Conference	9,300	6,064
	<u>355,400</u>	<u>322,419</u>
<b>Investment income</b>		
Income from cash investments	431	1,086
	<u>355,831</u>	<u>323,505</u>

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Detailed Statement of Financial Activities *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
<b>Expenditure</b>		
<b>Costs of raising donations and legacies</b>		
Wages and salaries	158,331	131,611
Employer's NIC	8,996	7,096
Pension costs	8,078	5,211
Gifts to IFES	34,565	25,645
Rent	6,876	6,876
Student conference	27,561	14,580
Other motor/travel costs	14,343	4,012
Legal and professional fees	13	2,086
To CUI ROI	50,000	20,000
Sundry expenses	5,832	10,704
Promotion & publicity	7,832	3,628
Recruitment & training	6,709	1,471
Printing, Stationary & postage	5,683	6,701
Computer expenses	5,032	2,851
	<u>339,851</u>	<u>242,472</u>
<b>Expenditure on charitable activities</b>		
Legal and professional fees	2,730	2,760
Other interest payable and similar charges	1,396	2,827
	<u>4,126</u>	<u>4,587</u>
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<u>343,977</u>	<u>247,059</u>
<b>Net income</b>	<u>11,854</u>	<u>76,446</u>

**Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102525

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# Annual report

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# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

## Company Limited by Guarantee

### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2022

#### Structure, governance and management

Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust is a registered charity and operates as a company limited by guarantee. The company is managed by an experienced board of directors and a team of skilled and dedicated employees.

#### Objectives and activities

The principal activity of the company during the year was that of the advancement of the evangelical Christian faith amongst students.

The Vision is to give every student in Ireland an opportunity to respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Mission Statement of the company states their mission is students reaching students for Christ.

This mission statement is distilled into a set of core values which are:

1. Fuelled by the gospel of **Grace**
2. Confident in the sufficiency of **Scripture**
3. Joyfully **dependent** on God
4. Striving for **unity** in Christ
5. Generously serving the **Church**
6. Passionately engaged in **God's world**
7. Investing in dynamic **student-leadership**

#### Strategic report

The following sections for achievements and performance and financial review form the strategic report of the charity.

#### Achievements and performance

During the year Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust continued to work amongst student communities in Northern Ireland to further advance their work. Workers in these communities are encouraged to act by and spread the core values in order to work towards achieving the mission statement.

#### Financial review

Results for the year ended 31 August 2022 are given in the Statement of Financial Activities on page 9. The assets and liabilities as at 31 August 2022 are given on the Balance Sheet on page 10. The financial statements should be read in conjunction with their related notes, which appear on pages 11 to 16 and have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice.

In summary:

- total incoming resources increased by 9.99% (2021: increased by 19.11%) to £355,831 (2021: £323,505)

- total resources expended increased by 39.2% (2021: decreased by 2.03%) to £343,977 (2021: £247,059)

- net surplus for the year on total funds was £11,854 (2021: £76,446).

# **Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 August 2022**

#### ***Designated Reserves***

In order to make a judgment on the amount of reserve the Board consider the risks in respect of expenditure, unrestricted income and where appropriate restricted income and where funds can only be realised by the disposal of a fixed asset.

A risk assessment is undertaken annually and determined using a Risk Identification approach. Also taken into consideration are any external identified potential major risks to income and expenditure during the year under consideration. Designated reserves therefore reflect areas outlined in the Organisations Risk Register which is maintained to ensure identified risks are mitigated for and managed appropriately.

The Organisation has adopted a policy to build up and retain cash reserves equalling 3 months running costs, to reflect:

- delays in funding receipts,
- withdrawal or reduction of funding
- support for Organisational growth

Reserves and Risk are reviewed regularly as part of the Business Planning and included in Financial reporting at regular Board Meetings.

#### ***Risk Management***

The Board has conducted a review of the major risks to which the charity is exposed. A risk register has been established and is updated at least annually. Where appropriate, systems or procedures have been established to mitigate the risks the charity faces.

#### ***Public Benefit Statement/Declaration***

Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust provides benefit to students by promoting the formation and growth of Christian Union groups run by students for students. We deepen and strengthen the spiritual life of students through Bible teaching, study and prayer. This in turn benefits the wider church that students belong to by increasing their knowledge and opportunities for service within the church. We encourage students to obey God's commission to go into all the world with the Gospel, sharing in this privilege by giving, praying and serving in every area of life to which God calls them. This in turn promotes the adoption of a moral framework which encourages students to be good citizens in their university, church and society. We provide opportunities for students to engage with students from other universities throughout Northern Ireland, Ireland, UK, Europe and the World through our sister movements in 153+ countries worldwide under the umbrella movement IFES. The organisation's beneficiaries are students in third level education institutions across Northern Ireland. All of the above benefits will be evidenced through: • Training events for Christian Union leadership teams; • EQUIP Festival - a training event open to any student from any Christian Union in Ireland; • Co-operation with local churches and other mission agencies to offer students opportunities for service in their local communities and society; • Regular surveying of student training needs and service opportunities – via Christian Union groups; • Facilitating the meeting of a Student Council (a selected group of student leaders from across Ireland) to gain feedback on Christian Unions Ireland activities and give student input into the decision making process of the organisation. • The Board of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust has 2 student representatives, chosen annually from current Christian Union Leaders. The only private benefit flowing from our purposes is related to the employment of our staff who receive benefits as a result of their employment. However, we consider this to be incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purposes. We do not anticipate that any harm will flow from any of our purposes.

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

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### Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report) *(continued)*

Year ended 31 August 2022

#### Trustees' responsibilities statement

The trustees, who are also directors for the purposes of company law, are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, for that period.

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

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

The trustees are responsible for keeping 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.

#### Auditor

Each of the persons who is a trustee at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The auditor is deemed to have been re-appointed in accordance with section 487 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 25 February 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr Martin Agnew - Chair  
Trustee

Mr Gavin Rothwell  
Treasurer

**Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102525

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# Annual return

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# **Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

**Year ended 31 August 2022**

#### **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice;
- 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 the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the 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.

# **Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 August 2022**

#### **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. 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.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

#### **Opinions on other matters 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.

#### **Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the 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 in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

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

# **Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust**

## **Company Limited by Guarantee**

### **Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust *(continued)***

**Year ended 31 August 2022**

#### **Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees (who are also the directors for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

#### **Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework applicable to the Company through enquiry of management, industry research and the application of cumulative audit knowledge. We identified the following principal laws and regulations relevant to the Company - Companies Act 2006 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

We developed an understanding of the key fraud risks to the entity (including how fraud might occur), the controls in place to help mitigate those risks, and the accounts, balances and disclosures within the financial statements which may be susceptible to management bias. Our understanding was obtained through review of the financial statements for significant accounting estimates, analysis of journal entries, walkthrough of the key control cycles in place and enquiry of management.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment 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 internal control.

# Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust

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### Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Christian Unions Ireland (NI) Trust *(continued)*

#### Year ended 31 August 2022

- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the 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.

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.

#### Use of our report

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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