

Belfast City Mission

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102621

Details

Known as BCM

Status Received

Registered 2015-11-18

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

Contact

Address Belfast City Mission
Assembly Buildings
2-10 Fisherwick Place
Belfast
Bt1 6dw
BT1 6DW

Phone 02890320557

Email info@belfastcitymision.org.uk

Website www.belfastcitymission.com

Activities

Purposes: The objects for which the Mission is established are: (a) To take over the whole of the property of the Society heretofore known as the Belfast City Mission, and to take or procure to be taken steps as may be necessary under the law relating to charities or charitable trusts for validly and effectually vesting the same property in the Mission or in any trustees, and to undertake, execute, and perform any trusts or conditions affecting the whole or any part of such property, and to undertake all or any of the liabilities of such Society, and to carry on the work heretofore carried on by the said Society. (b) To promote the cause of Christ among the poor and non-churchgoing people of the City of Belfast and adjacent districts, and to promote the spiritual, moral, intellectual, and physical welfare of such people.

What the charity does: The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds),Men,Older people,Parents,Preschool (0-5 year olds),Women,Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-01	£670,720	£840,180	£-16,156	28

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Henry Thompson		
Mr Ronald Armour		
Mr Thomas Irwin		
Mr William Logan		
Rev Denis Bannerman		

Belfast City Mission

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102621

Accounts

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: R0000079
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 102621

Belfast City Mission
Company Limited by Guarantee
Financial Statements
29 February 2024

HILL VELLACOTT
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor
22 Great Victoria Street
Belfast
BT2 7BA

Belfast City Mission
Company Limited by Guarantee
Financial Statements
Year ended 29 February 2024

	Page
Trustees' annual report (incorporating the director's report)	1
Independent auditor's report to the members	7
Statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account)	13
Statement of financial position	14
Statement of cash flows	15
Notes to the financial statements	16

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 29 February 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 29 February 2024.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Belfast City Mission
Charity registration number	102621
Company registration number	R0000079
Principal office and registered office	Belfast City Mission Assembly Buildings 2-10 Fisherwick place Belfast BT1 6DW Northern Ireland

The trustees

Mr R Armour	
Mr H Thompson	
Rev D Bannerman	(Resigned 1 June 2023)
Mr W Logan	
Mr J Douglas	(Resigned 1 June 2023)
Mr T Irwin	
Rev J Maddock	(Resigned 20 July 2023)
Rev G McKeown	
Rev A Smyth	
Mr R Woods	

Company secretary William Logan

Auditor Hill Vellacott
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor
22 Great Victoria Street
Belfast
BT2 7BA

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 29 February 2024

Structure, governance and management

Belfast City Mission is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. It is legally known for the promotion of the gospel of Jesus Christ in the city of Belfast.

Governing Body

The governing body of Belfast City Mission is responsible for oversight of the business and the Christian ethos of our work.

Governing Document

The Belfast 'Town' Mission was founded in 1827. The name of the mission changed in 1918 to Belfast City Mission (Incorporated) as a Limited Company under the Companies Act 1908 - 1912.

Memorandum and Articles of Association were updated on 2 May 1997.

Appointment of Governors

Eighteen governors are elected every three years at our annual board meeting in April prior to the annual meeting of Belfast City Mission.

Management

Responsibility for the day to day running of the Belfast City Mission lies with the executive secretary along with the superintendent's board.

Membership or organisation

A member of the British Association of City Missions.

Trustees and helpers

All Trustees and helpers in our 16 halls give of their services without payment or expenses.

Objectives and activities

The work of the Belfast City Mission continues with the purpose of reaching people from all classes and creeds with the good news of the gospel. Mission halls in various districts across Belfast hold meetings which cater for all age groups throughout the week. Special emphasis is placed on our midweek and Sunday evening services to proclaim God's Word.

Organisations such as Sunday school, youth clubs, Boys Brigade (BB), and Girls Brigade (GB), provide much of the work done with young people. Mums and tots, homework clubs and breakfast clubs are also popular in some districts as a way of building relationships with families.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 29 February 2024

Strategic report

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

Achievements and performance

The past twelve months have seen a number of changes to the staff of Belfast City Mission. Three long standing missionaries retired and two new missionaries were appointed to the staff. At present there are several halls still vacant which we hope to have staffed in the near future.

One hall closed (Canton Street) due to falling numbers and the need for major capital expenditure on the premises. The people who attended the hall have been able to go to meetings in nearby halls in Bloomfield drive and in Island street.

Kilburn street hall which was closed last year and Canton street hall will hopefully be marketed for sale in the near future.

With the retirement of the missionary in Jersey street, the board decided to close the hall for a short time before reopening again but with a different style of ministry. It is hoped that the change will encourage more opportunities to engage with the local community.

The work with refugees and asylum seekers once again increased. Two of our missionaries are involved with many different strands of ministry as they seek to help some of the most vulnerable in society. English classes are provided twice weekly, with attendances at these meetings often exceeding per class. Help is also given with filling out forms for housing and benefits.

Many of the halls will seek to provide meals and food parcels for the poorest families in their districts. This has proved a valuable way of connecting with the elderly and the loneliest people who otherwise would be struggling.

Our children's work has once again flourished with many missionaries reporting an increase at Sunday school, youth clubs and the uniformed organisations such as GB and BB. Mums and tots groups are also popular in some of our districts. This is a valuable and rewarding work because it often leads to stronger family connections with the parents and guardians.

District visitation (door to door) is one of the most effective ways to get to know people and to invite them to the meetings in our halls.

All missionaries are involved in taking funerals. Some of these have been difficult because of the tragic circumstances particularly with suicides which seems to be increasing.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 29 February 2024

Financial review

Details of the results for the period are set out in the statement of financial activities on page 10 and the related notes.

Investment policy and returns

Belfast City Mission investments are managed by Kleinwort Hambros and Evelyn Partners Stockbrokers and were valued at £1,691,271 as at 28 February 2024.

During the past financial period, we have received dividend income from these investments totalling £36,360.

The finance of Belfast City Mission is wholly dependent on voluntary contributions received from people across the Province. The generosity of these gifts allows the Mission to carry out its work. As always we are thankful for those who continue to support us both prayerfully and practically.

Our main source of income this year has been our offerings from our Mission Halls and Churches and individual donations from across Northern Ireland.

Reserves

We need in the region of £600,000 per annum to keep us afloat, which up until 2023/2024 we had received year on year. In 2023/2024 we received £1,245,069(2022/23: £817,415).

At 28 February 2024 the charity held funds of £4,423,985. Of this £3,495,287 can only be realised by disposing of tangible fixed assets or investments.

In 2023/2024 we are grateful for the bequests we have received towards our work which increased significantly on the previous year.

Plans for future periods

As always, we are thankful for the churches, individuals and businesses which support our work throughout the year. Without their faithful giving and praying the work of the Mission would be severely hindered. Most of all we are grateful for God's gracious hand upon our work and the blessings we have received.

It is anticipated that our new work will not be focused primarily on hall based with meeting. A greater emphasis is being placed on more community outreach. Co-operation with the local PCI churches is also key to our future development. Working on joint projects is more efficient and cost effective for all involved.

Tax status

The company has been accepted as constituting a charity under the provisions of the Taxes Acts. Details of the results for the period are set out in the statement of financial activities on page 10 and the related notes.

Investment policy and returns

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 29 February 2024

Belfast City Mission investments are managed by Kleinwort Hambros and Evelyn Partners Stockbrokers and were valued at £1,691,271 as at 28 February 2024.

During the past financial period, we have received dividend income from these investments totalling £36,360.

The finance of Belfast City Mission is wholly dependent on voluntary contributions received from people across the Province. The generosity of these gifts allows the Mission to carry out its work. As always we are thankful for those who continue to support us both prayerfully and practically.

Our main source of income this year has been our offerings from our Mission Halls and Churches and individual donations from across Northern Ireland.

Reserves

We need in the region of £600,000 per annum to keep us afloat, which up until 2023/2024 we had received year on year. In 2023/2024 we received £1,245,069 (2022/23: £817,415).

At 28 February 2024 the charity held funds of £4,423,985. Of this £3,495,287 can only be realised by disposing of tangible fixed assets or investments.

In 2023/2024 we are grateful for the bequests we have received towards our work which increased significantly on the previous year.

Plans for future periods

As always, we are thankful for the churches, individuals and businesses which support our work throughout the year. Without their faithful giving and praying the work of the Mission would be severely hindered. Most of all we are grateful for God's gracious hand upon our work and the blessings we have received.

It is anticipated that our new work will not be focused primarily on hall based with meeting. A greater emphasis is being placed on more community outreach. Co-operation with the local PCI churches is also key to our future development. Working on joint projects is more efficient and cost effective for all involved.

Tax status

The company has been accepted as constituting a charity under the provisions of the Taxes Acts.

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).

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 29 February 2024

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:

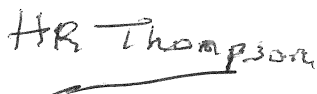
- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that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

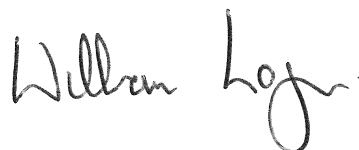
A resolution to reappoint Hill Vellacott as auditors will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 29 October 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr H Thompson
Trustee

Mr W Logan
Trustee





Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission

Year ended 29 February 2024

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Belfast City Mission (the 'charity') for the year ended 29 February 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position, statement of cash flows 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 29 February 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 and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with 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.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 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 and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 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.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 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.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 2024

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:

Our approach was as follows:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charity and determined that the most significant are those that relate to:

- the charitable status of the charity and its registration with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- compliance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition - October 2019) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019);
- data protection laws (including UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)).

Auditor's approach to assessing the risks of material misstatement due to irregularities, including fraud

We assessed the risks of material misstatement in respect of fraud with the consideration of:

- the charity's own assessment of the risks that irregularities may occur either because of fraud or error that was approved by the trustees;
 - the results of our enquiries of management and the trustees about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
 - any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the charity's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
 - the matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud
-

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 2024

might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

Auditor's response and procedures to the risks identified

Based on the results of our risk assessment we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations identified above.

- we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charity for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud in the areas of the controls covering the application of funds to the restricted purposes specified by the funders and in which management is required to exercise significant judgment, such as disclosure of adjusting items. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.
- we also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the Charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included NI Charity legislation (including the regulator, The Charities Commission for Northern Ireland) and the Charity SORP.
- we made enquiries of management and those charged with governance and reviewed minutes of the Trustee's meetings and enquired about any communications with the charity regulator.

Audit procedures designed to respond to the risks of fraud

- we considered the risk of fraud through transactions outside the normal course of transactions by noting anything that was unusual in nature or size and enquired about such transaction to gain an understanding of their nature;
- based on the results of our risk assessment we designed our audit procedures to identify and to address material misstatements in relation to fraud and other irregularities.
- we reviewed the operation of the controls within the charity over expenditure in general and of the allocation of expenditure to the restricted funds and the segregation of duties within those controls, together with substantive testing and analytical review and incorporating an element of unpredictability in the selection of the nature, timing and extent of audit procedures.
- we evaluated the selection and application of accounting policies by the charity, particularly those related to subjective measurements, that may be indicative of fraudulent financial reporting.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 2024

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. 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.



Kieran McCaughey FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
Hill Vellacott
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor
22 Great Victoria Street
Belfast
BT2 7BA

29 October 2024

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 29 February 2024

		Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
	Note				
Income and endowments					
Donations and legacies	5	756,855	60,000	816,855	588,357
Charitable activities	6	309,370	–	309,370	241,214
Investment income	7	118,844	–	118,844	(12,156)
Total income		<u>1,185,069</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>1,245,069</u>	<u>817,415</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Investment management costs	8	17,224	–	17,224	15,562
Expenditure on charitable activities	9	663,605	–	663,605	701,612
Total expenditure		<u>680,829</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>680,829</u>	<u>717,174</u>
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>504,240</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>564,240</u>	<u>100,241</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		3,859,745	–	3,859,745	3,759,504
Total funds carried forward		<u>4,363,985</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>4,423,985</u>	<u>3,859,745</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 16 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

Belfast City Mission
Company Limited by Guarantee
Statement of Financial Position
29 February 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	14	1,804,016	1,876,468
Investments	15	1,691,271	1,641,889
		<u>3,495,287</u>	<u>3,518,357</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	16	432,510	10,869
Cash at bank and in hand		503,820	341,996
		<u>936,330</u>	<u>352,865</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>7,632</u>	<u>11,477</u>
Net current assets		<u>928,698</u>	<u>341,388</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>4,423,985</u>	<u>3,859,745</u>
Net assets		<u>4,423,985</u>	<u>3,859,745</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		60,000	–
Unrestricted funds		4,363,985	3,859,745
Total charity funds	18	<u>4,423,985</u>	<u>3,859,745</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 29 October 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr H Thompson
Trustee

H R Thompson

Mr W Logan
Trustee

Wilhem Logan

The notes on pages 16 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

Belfast City Mission
Company Limited by Guarantee
Statement of Cash Flows
Year ended 29 February 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	564,240	100,241
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	72,452	72,623
Net gains on investments	(75,128)	53,112
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(42,059)	(40,955)
Other interest receivable and similar income	(1,657)	–
Interest payable and similar charges	241	3,712
Accrued (income)/expenses	(425,486)	1,141
Portfolio management charges	17,224	15,675
Cash generated from operations	109,827	205,549
Interest paid	(241)	(3,712)
Interest received	1,657	–
Net cash from operating activities	<u>111,243</u>	<u>201,837</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	26,581	16,855
Purchases of other investments	–	(300,000)
Proceeds from sale of other investments	24,000	24,000
Net cash from/(used in) investing activities	<u>50,581</u>	<u>(259,145)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	161,824	(57,308)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>341,996</u>	<u>399,304</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>503,820</u>	<u>341,996</u>

The notes on pages 16 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 29 February 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 Belfast City Mission Assembly Buildings, 2-10 Fisherwick place, Belfast, BT1 6DW, Northern Ireland.

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. There are no Judgements or key sources of estimation that are considered material.

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.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 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.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 2024

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold property	-	2.5% Straight line
Fixtures and fittings	-	20% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	-	25% straight line
Equipment	-	33.33% Straight line

Investments

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in profit or loss.

Investments in associates

Investments in associates accounted for in accordance with the cost model are recorded at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Investments in associates accounted for in accordance with the fair value model are initially recorded at the transaction price. At each reporting date, the investments are measured at fair value, with changes in fair value taken through income or expenditure. Where it is impracticable to measure fair value reliably without undue cost or effort, the cost model will be adopted.

Dividends and other distributions received from the investment are recognised as income without regard to whether the distributions are from accumulated profits of the associate arising before or after the date of acquisition.

Investments in joint ventures

Investments in jointly controlled entities accounted for in accordance with the cost model are recorded at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Investments in jointly controlled entities accounted for in accordance with the fair value model are initially recorded at the transaction price. At each reporting date, the investments are measured at fair value, with changes in fair value taken through income or expenditure. Where it is impracticable to measure fair value reliably without undue cost or effort, the cost model will be adopted.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 2024

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Investments in joint ventures *(continued)*

Dividends and other distributions received from the investment are recognised as income without regard to whether the distributions are from accumulated profits of the joint venture arising before or after the date of acquisition.

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 2024

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

4. Limited by guarantee

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. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Individual Donations	98,223	–	98,223
Church and Organisation Donations	111,939	–	111,939
Gift Aid	21,206	–	21,206
Trust Funds	13,352	–	13,352
Legacies			
Legacies	512,135	60,000	572,135
	<u>756,855</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>816,855</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Individual Donations	70,494	–	70,494
Church and Organisation Donations	95,185	–	95,185
Gift Aid	42,330	–	42,330
Trust Funds	–	–	–
Legacies			
Legacies	380,348	–	380,348
	<u>588,357</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>588,357</u>

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 2024

6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Auxiliaries	35,681	35,681	36,394	36,394
Mission Hall Income	273,689	273,689	204,820	204,820
	<u>309,370</u>	<u>309,370</u>	<u>241,214</u>	<u>241,214</u>

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Dividend income	36,360	36,360	34,081	34,081
Investment Income	5,728	5,728	3,360	3,360
Bank Interest	1,657	1,657	3,515	3,515
Movement of market value of shares	75,099	75,099	(53,112)	(53,112)
	<u>118,844</u>	<u>118,844</u>	<u>(12,156)</u>	<u>(12,156)</u>

8. Investment management costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Portfolio management	<u>17,224</u>	<u>17,224</u>	<u>15,562</u>	<u>15,562</u>

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Charitable activity	655,993	–	655,993	695,885
Governance costs	–	7,612	7,612	5,727
	<u>655,993</u>	<u>7,612</u>	<u>663,605</u>	<u>701,612</u>

10. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>72,452</u>	<u>72,623</u>

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 2024

11. Auditors remuneration

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>7,000</u>	<u>5,730</u>

12. Staff costs

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	362,695	368,599
Social security costs	22,866	46,002
Other employee benefits	<u>48,998</u>	<u>54,426</u>
	<u>434,559</u>	<u>469,027</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 28 (2023: 31). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Administration	3	3
Missionaries	17	19
Mission Hall staff	<u>8</u>	<u>8</u>
	<u>28</u>	<u>30</u>

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

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel include all persons that have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. The total compensation paid to key management personnel for services provided to the charity was £31,530 (2023:£32,758).

13. Trustee remuneration and expenses

There were no remuneration or benefits paid to trustees for performing their duties as trustees. There was £31,530 paid during the year to a trustee for duties as an administrator of the charity.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 2024

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 March 2023 and 29 February 2024	<u>2,870,649</u>	<u>72,992</u>	<u>26,495</u>	<u>14,972</u>	<u>2,985,108</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 March 2023	997,609	69,564	26,495	14,972	1,108,640
Charge for the year	71,766	686	–	–	72,452
At 29 February 2024	<u>1,069,375</u>	<u>70,250</u>	<u>26,495</u>	<u>14,972</u>	<u>1,181,092</u>
Carrying amount					
At 29 February 2024	<u>1,801,274</u>	<u>2,742</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>1,804,016</u>
At 28 February 2023	<u>1,873,040</u>	<u>3,428</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>1,876,468</u>

15. Investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 March 2023	1,641,889
Additions	42,088
Disposals	(17,224)
Fair value movements	75,099
Transfers	(50,581)
At 29 February 2024	<u>1,691,271</u>
Impairment	
At 1 March 2023 and 29 February 2024	
Carrying amount	
At 29 February 2024	<u>1,691,271</u>
At 28 February 2023	<u>1,641,889</u>

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

Financial assets held at fair value

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 2024

16. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>432,510</u>	<u>10,869</u>

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>7,632</u>	<u>11,477</u>

18. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 March 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 29 February 2024 £
General funds	3,797,646	1,185,069	(680,829)	(6,274)	4,295,612
Retired Missonries fund	11,054	–	–	–	11,054
Benevolent fund	44,034	–	–	6,274	50,308
Missonaries widows benevolent fund	7,011	–	–	–	7,011
	<u>3,859,745</u>	<u>1,185,069</u>	<u>(680,829)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>4,363,985</u>

	At 1 March 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 28 February 2023 £
General funds	3,703,679	817,415	(717,174)	(6,274)	3,797,646
Retired Missonries fund	11,054	–	–	–	11,054
Benevolent fund	37,760	–	–	6,274	44,034
Missonaries widows benevolent fund	7,011	–	–	–	7,011
	<u>3,759,504</u>	<u>817,415</u>	<u>(717,174)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>3,859,745</u>

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 2024

18. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

General reserve fund represents those funds which are unrestricted and not designated for other purposes.

Designated funds

- Retired missionaries' fund this fund is to help retired missionaries in need of financial help.
- Benevolent fund this fund is for the provision of benevolent gifts.
- Missionaries Widows benevolent fund this fund is to help missionaries' widows in need of financial help.

Restricted funds

	At 1 March 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 29 February 2024 £
Shore road hall	<u>—</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>60,000</u>

	At 1 March 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 28 February 2023 £
Shore road hall	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

The Restricted fund - Shore road hall is designated for the upkeep of this property.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 2024

19. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,804,016	–	1,804,016
Investments	1,691,271	–	1,691,271
Current assets	876,330	60,000	936,330
Creditors less than 1 year	(7,632)	–	(7,632)
Net assets	<u>4,363,985</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>4,423,985</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,876,468	–	1,876,468
Investments	1,641,889	–	1,641,889
Current assets	352,865	–	352,865
Creditors less than 1 year	(11,477)	–	(11,477)
Net assets	<u>3,859,745</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>3,859,745</u>

20. Financial instruments

The carrying amount for each category of financial instrument is as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	<u>1,691,271</u>	<u>1,641,889</u>

21. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Mar 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 29 Feb 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>341,996</u>	<u>161,824</u>	<u>503,820</u>

Belfast City Mission

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102621

Accounts

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: R0000079
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 102621

Belfast City Mission
Company Limited by Guarantee
Financial Statements
29 February 2024

HILL VELLACOTT
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor
22 Great Victoria Street
Belfast
BT2 7BA

Belfast City Mission
Company Limited by Guarantee
Financial Statements
Year ended 29 February 2024

	Page
Trustees' annual report (incorporating the director's report)	1
Independent auditor's report to the members	7
Statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account)	13
Statement of financial position	14
Statement of cash flows	15
Notes to the financial statements	16

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 29 February 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 29 February 2024.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Belfast City Mission
Charity registration number	102621
Company registration number	R0000079
Principal office and registered office	Belfast City Mission Assembly Buildings 2-10 Fisherwick place Belfast BT1 6DW Northern Ireland

The trustees

Mr R Armour	
Mr H Thompson	
Rev D Bannerman	(Resigned 1 June 2023)
Mr W Logan	
Mr J Douglas	(Resigned 1 June 2023)
Mr T Irwin	
Rev J Maddock	(Resigned 20 July 2023)
Rev G McKeown	
Rev A Smyth	
Mr R Woods	

Company secretary William Logan

Auditor Hill Vellacott
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor
22 Great Victoria Street
Belfast
BT2 7BA

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 29 February 2024

Structure, governance and management

Belfast City Mission is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. It is legally known for the promotion of the gospel of Jesus Christ in the city of Belfast.

Governing Body

The governing body of Belfast City Mission is responsible for oversight of the business and the Christian ethos of our work.

Governing Document

The Belfast 'Town' Mission was founded in 1827. The name of the mission changed in 1918 to Belfast City Mission (Incorporated) as a Limited Company under the Companies Act 1908 - 1912.

Memorandum and Articles of Association were updated on 2 May 1997.

Appointment of Governors

Eighteen governors are elected every three years at our annual board meeting in April prior to the annual meeting of Belfast City Mission.

Management

Responsibility for the day to day running of the Belfast City Mission lies with the executive secretary along with the superintendent's board.

Membership or organisation

A member of the British Association of City Missions.

Trustees and helpers

All Trustees and helpers in our 16 halls give of their services without payment or expenses.

Objectives and activities

The work of the Belfast City Mission continues with the purpose of reaching people from all classes and creeds with the good news of the gospel. Mission halls in various districts across Belfast hold meetings which cater for all age groups throughout the week. Special emphasis is placed on our midweek and Sunday evening services to proclaim God's Word.

Organisations such as Sunday school, youth clubs, Boys Brigade (BB), and Girls Brigade (GB), provide much of the work done with young people. Mums and tots, homework clubs and breakfast clubs are also popular in some districts as a way of building relationships with families.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 29 February 2024

Strategic report

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

Achievements and performance

The past twelve months have seen a number of changes to the staff of Belfast City Mission. Three long standing missionaries retired and two new missionaries were appointed to the staff. At present there are several halls still vacant which we hope to have staffed in the near future.

One hall closed (Canton Street) due to falling numbers and the need for major capital expenditure on the premises. The people who attended the hall have been able to go to meetings in nearby halls in Bloomfield drive and in Island street.

Kilburn street hall which was closed last year and Canton street hall will hopefully be marketed for sale in the near future.

With the retirement of the missionary in Jersey street, the board decided to close the hall for a short time before reopening again but with a different style of ministry. It is hoped that the change will encourage more opportunities to engage with the local community.

The work with refugees and asylum seekers once again increased. Two of our missionaries are involved with many different strands of ministry as they seek to help some of the most vulnerable in society. English classes are provided twice weekly, with attendances at these meetings often exceeding per class. Help is also given with filling out forms for housing and benefits.

Many of the halls will seek to provide meals and food parcels for the poorest families in their districts. This has proved a valuable way of connecting with the elderly and the loneliest people who otherwise would be struggling.

Our children's work has once again flourished with many missionaries reporting an increase at Sunday school, youth clubs and the uniformed organisations such as GB and BB. Mums and tots groups are also popular in some of our districts. This is a valuable and rewarding work because it often leads to stronger family connections with the parents and guardians.

District visitation (door to door) is one of the most effective ways to get to know people and to invite them to the meetings in our halls.

All missionaries are involved in taking funerals. Some of these have been difficult because of the tragic circumstances particularly with suicides which seems to be increasing.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 29 February 2024

Financial review

Details of the results for the period are set out in the statement of financial activities on page 10 and the related notes.

Investment policy and returns

Belfast City Mission investments are managed by Kleinwort Hambros and Evelyn Partners Stockbrokers and were valued at £1,691,271 as at 28 February 2024.

During the past financial period, we have received dividend income from these investments totalling £36,360.

The finance of Belfast City Mission is wholly dependent on voluntary contributions received from people across the Province. The generosity of these gifts allows the Mission to carry out its work. As always we are thankful for those who continue to support us both prayerfully and practically.

Our main source of income this year has been our offerings from our Mission Halls and Churches and individual donations from across Northern Ireland.

Reserves

We need in the region of £600,000 per annum to keep us afloat, which up until 2023/2024 we had received year on year. In 2023/2024 we received £1,245,069(2022/23: £817,415).

At 28 February 2024 the charity held funds of £4,423,985. Of this £3,495,287 can only be realised by disposing of tangible fixed assets or investments.

In 2023/2024 we are grateful for the bequests we have received towards our work which increased significantly on the previous year.

Plans for future periods

As always, we are thankful for the churches, individuals and businesses which support our work throughout the year. Without their faithful giving and praying the work of the Mission would be severely hindered. Most of all we are grateful for God's gracious hand upon our work and the blessings we have received.

It is anticipated that our new work will not be focused primarily on hall based with meeting. A greater emphasis is being placed on more community outreach. Co-operation with the local PCI churches is also key to our future development. Working on joint projects is more efficient and cost effective for all involved.

Tax status

The company has been accepted as constituting a charity under the provisions of the Taxes Acts. Details of the results for the period are set out in the statement of financial activities on page 10 and the related notes.

Investment policy and returns

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 29 February 2024

Belfast City Mission investments are managed by Kleinwort Hambros and Evelyn Partners Stockbrokers and were valued at £1,691,271 as at 28 February 2024.

During the past financial period, we have received dividend income from these investments totalling £36,360.

The finance of Belfast City Mission is wholly dependent on voluntary contributions received from people across the Province. The generosity of these gifts allows the Mission to carry out its work. As always we are thankful for those who continue to support us both prayerfully and practically.

Our main source of income this year has been our offerings from our Mission Halls and Churches and individual donations from across Northern Ireland.

Reserves

We need in the region of £600,000 per annum to keep us afloat, which up until 2023/2024 we had received year on year. In 2023/2024 we received £1,245,069 (2022/23: £817,415).

At 28 February 2024 the charity held funds of £4,423,985. Of this £3,495,287 can only be realised by disposing of tangible fixed assets or investments.

In 2023/2024 we are grateful for the bequests we have received towards our work which increased significantly on the previous year.

Plans for future periods

As always, we are thankful for the churches, individuals and businesses which support our work throughout the year. Without their faithful giving and praying the work of the Mission would be severely hindered. Most of all we are grateful for God's gracious hand upon our work and the blessings we have received.

It is anticipated that our new work will not be focused primarily on hall based with meeting. A greater emphasis is being placed on more community outreach. Co-operation with the local PCI churches is also key to our future development. Working on joint projects is more efficient and cost effective for all involved.

Tax status

The company has been accepted as constituting a charity under the provisions of the Taxes Acts.

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).

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 29 February 2024

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:

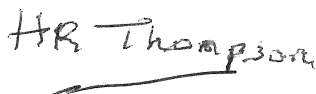
- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that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


A resolution to reappoint Hill Vellacott as auditors will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 29 October 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr H Thompson
Trustee

Mr W Logan
Trustee





Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission

Year ended 29 February 2024

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Belfast City Mission (the 'charity') for the year ended 29 February 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position, statement of cash flows 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 29 February 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 and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with 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.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 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 and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 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.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 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.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 2024

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:

Our approach was as follows:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charity and determined that the most significant are those that relate to:

- the charitable status of the charity and its registration with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- compliance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition - October 2019) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019);
- data protection laws (including UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)).

Auditor's approach to assessing the risks of material misstatement due to irregularities, including fraud

We assessed the risks of material misstatement in respect of fraud with the consideration of:

- the charity's own assessment of the risks that irregularities may occur either because of fraud or error that was approved by the trustees;
 - the results of our enquiries of management and the trustees about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
 - any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the charity's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
 - the matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud
-

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 2024

might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

Auditor's response and procedures to the risks identified

Based on the results of our risk assessment we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations identified above.

- we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charity for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud in the areas of the controls covering the application of funds to the restricted purposes specified by the funders and in which management is required to exercise significant judgment, such as disclosure of adjusting items. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.
- we also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the Charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included NI Charity legislation (including the regulator, The Charities Commission for Northern Ireland) and the Charity SORP.
- we made enquiries of management and those charged with governance and reviewed minutes of the Trustee's meetings and enquired about any communications with the charity regulator.

Audit procedures designed to respond to the risks of fraud

- we considered the risk of fraud through transactions outside the normal course of transactions by noting anything that was unusual in nature or size and enquired about such transaction to gain an understanding of their nature;
- based on the results of our risk assessment we designed our audit procedures to identify and to address material misstatements in relation to fraud and other irregularities.
- we reviewed the operation of the controls within the charity over expenditure in general and of the allocation of expenditure to the restricted funds and the segregation of duties within those controls, together with substantive testing and analytical review and incorporating an element of unpredictability in the selection of the nature, timing and extent of audit procedures.
- we evaluated the selection and application of accounting policies by the charity, particularly those related to subjective measurements, that may be indicative of fraudulent financial reporting.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee


Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 2024

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. 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.



Kieran McCaughey FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
Hill Vellacott
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor
22 Great Victoria Street
Belfast
BT2 7BA

29 October 2024

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 29 February 2024

		Unrestricted funds £	2024 Restricted funds £	Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
Income and endowments	Note				
Donations and legacies	5	756,855	60,000	816,855	588,357
Charitable activities	6	309,370	–	309,370	241,214
Investment income	7	118,844	–	118,844	(12,156)
Total income		<u>1,185,069</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>1,245,069</u>	<u>817,415</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on raising funds:					
Investment management costs	8	17,224	–	17,224	15,562
Expenditure on charitable activities	9	663,605	–	663,605	701,612
Total expenditure		<u>680,829</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>680,829</u>	<u>717,174</u>
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>504,240</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>564,240</u>	<u>100,241</u>
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		3,859,745	–	3,859,745	3,759,504
Total funds carried forward		<u>4,363,985</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>4,423,985</u>	<u>3,859,745</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 16 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

Belfast City Mission
Company Limited by Guarantee
Statement of Financial Position
29 February 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	14	1,804,016	1,876,468
Investments	15	1,691,271	1,641,889
		<u>3,495,287</u>	<u>3,518,357</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	16	432,510	10,869
Cash at bank and in hand		503,820	341,996
		<u>936,330</u>	<u>352,865</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	17	<u>7,632</u>	<u>11,477</u>
Net current assets		<u>928,698</u>	<u>341,388</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>4,423,985</u>	<u>3,859,745</u>
Net assets		<u>4,423,985</u>	<u>3,859,745</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds		60,000	–
Unrestricted funds		4,363,985	3,859,745
Total charity funds	18	<u>4,423,985</u>	<u>3,859,745</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 29 October 2024, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr H Thompson
Trustee

H R Thompson

Mr W Logan
Trustee

Willem Hoger

The notes on pages 16 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

Belfast City Mission
Company Limited by Guarantee
Statement of Cash Flows
Year ended 29 February 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	564,240	100,241
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	72,452	72,623
Net gains on investments	(75,128)	53,112
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(42,059)	(40,955)
Other interest receivable and similar income	(1,657)	–
Interest payable and similar charges	241	3,712
Accrued (income)/expenses	(425,486)	1,141
Portfolio management charges	17,224	15,675
Cash generated from operations	109,827	205,549
Interest paid	(241)	(3,712)
Interest received	1,657	–
Net cash from operating activities	<u>111,243</u>	<u>201,837</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	26,581	16,855
Purchases of other investments	–	(300,000)
Proceeds from sale of other investments	24,000	24,000
Net cash from/(used in) investing activities	<u>50,581</u>	<u>(259,145)</u>
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	161,824	(57,308)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>341,996</u>	<u>399,304</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>503,820</u>	<u>341,996</u>

The notes on pages 16 to 26 form part of these financial statements.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 29 February 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 Belfast City Mission Assembly Buildings, 2-10 Fisherwick place, Belfast, BT1 6DW, Northern Ireland.

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. There are no Judgements or key sources of estimation that are considered material.

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.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 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.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 2024

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold property	-	2.5% Straight line
Fixtures and fittings	-	20% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	-	25% straight line
Equipment	-	33.33% Straight line

Investments

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in profit or loss.

Investments in associates

Investments in associates accounted for in accordance with the cost model are recorded at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Investments in associates accounted for in accordance with the fair value model are initially recorded at the transaction price. At each reporting date, the investments are measured at fair value, with changes in fair value taken through income or expenditure. Where it is impracticable to measure fair value reliably without undue cost or effort, the cost model will be adopted.

Dividends and other distributions received from the investment are recognised as income without regard to whether the distributions are from accumulated profits of the associate arising before or after the date of acquisition.

Investments in joint ventures

Investments in jointly controlled entities accounted for in accordance with the cost model are recorded at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Investments in jointly controlled entities accounted for in accordance with the fair value model are initially recorded at the transaction price. At each reporting date, the investments are measured at fair value, with changes in fair value taken through income or expenditure. Where it is impracticable to measure fair value reliably without undue cost or effort, the cost model will be adopted.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 2024

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Investments in joint ventures *(continued)*

Dividends and other distributions received from the investment are recognised as income without regard to whether the distributions are from accumulated profits of the joint venture arising before or after the date of acquisition.

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 2024

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

4. Limited by guarantee

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. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations			
Individual Donations	98,223	–	98,223
Church and Organisation Donations	111,939	–	111,939
Gift Aid	21,206	–	21,206
Trust Funds	13,352	–	13,352
Legacies			
Legacies	512,135	60,000	572,135
	<u>756,855</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>816,855</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations			
Individual Donations	70,494	–	70,494
Church and Organisation Donations	95,185	–	95,185
Gift Aid	42,330	–	42,330
Trust Funds	–	–	–
Legacies			
Legacies	380,348	–	380,348
	<u>588,357</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>588,357</u>

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 2024

6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Auxiliaries	35,681	35,681	36,394	36,394
Mission Hall Income	273,689	273,689	204,820	204,820
	<u>309,370</u>	<u>309,370</u>	<u>241,214</u>	<u>241,214</u>

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Dividend income	36,360	36,360	34,081	34,081
Investment Income	5,728	5,728	3,360	3,360
Bank Interest	1,657	1,657	3,515	3,515
Movement of market value of shares	75,099	75,099	(53,112)	(53,112)
	<u>118,844</u>	<u>118,844</u>	<u>(12,156)</u>	<u>(12,156)</u>

8. Investment management costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Portfolio management	<u>17,224</u>	<u>17,224</u>	<u>15,562</u>	<u>15,562</u>

9. Expenditure on charitable activities by activity type

	Activities undertaken directly £	Support costs £	Total funds 2024 £	Total fund 2023 £
Charitable activity	655,993	–	655,993	695,885
Governance costs	–	7,612	7,612	5,727
	<u>655,993</u>	<u>7,612</u>	<u>663,605</u>	<u>701,612</u>

10. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	<u>72,452</u>	<u>72,623</u>

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 2024

11. Auditors remuneration

	2024	2023
	£	£
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>7,000</u>	<u>5,730</u>

12. Staff costs

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

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	362,695	368,599
Social security costs	22,866	46,002
Other employee benefits	48,998	54,426
	<u>434,559</u>	<u>469,027</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 28 (2023: 31). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	No.	No.
Administration	3	3
Missionaries	17	19
Mission Hall staff	8	8
	<u>28</u>	<u>30</u>

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

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel include all persons that have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. The total compensation paid to key management personnel for services provided to the charity was £31,530 (2023:£32,758).

13. Trustee remuneration and expenses

There were no remuneration or benefits paid to trustees for performing their duties as trustees. There was £31,530 paid during the year to a trustee for duties as an administrator of the charity.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 2024

14. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 March 2023 and 29 February 2024	<u>2,870,649</u>	<u>72,992</u>	<u>26,495</u>	<u>14,972</u>	<u>2,985,108</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 March 2023	997,609	69,564	26,495	14,972	1,108,640
Charge for the year	71,766	686	–	–	72,452
At 29 February 2024	<u>1,069,375</u>	<u>70,250</u>	<u>26,495</u>	<u>14,972</u>	<u>1,181,092</u>
Carrying amount					
At 29 February 2024	<u>1,801,274</u>	<u>2,742</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>1,804,016</u>
At 28 February 2023	<u>1,873,040</u>	<u>3,428</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>1,876,468</u>

15. Investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 March 2023	1,641,889
Additions	42,088
Disposals	(17,224)
Fair value movements	75,099
Transfers	(50,581)
At 29 February 2024	<u>1,691,271</u>
Impairment	
At 1 March 2023 and 29 February 2024	
Carrying amount	
At 29 February 2024	<u>1,691,271</u>
At 28 February 2023	<u>1,641,889</u>

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

Financial assets held at fair value

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 2024

16. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>432,510</u>	<u>10,869</u>

17. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>7,632</u>	<u>11,477</u>

18. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At 1 March 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 29 February 2024 £
General funds	3,797,646	1,185,069	(680,829)	(6,274)	4,295,612
Retired Missonries fund	11,054	–	–	–	11,054
Benevolent fund	44,034	–	–	6,274	50,308
Missonaries widows benevolent fund	7,011	–	–	–	7,011
	<u>3,859,745</u>	<u>1,185,069</u>	<u>(680,829)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>4,363,985</u>

	At 1 March 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 28 February 2 023 £
General funds	3,703,679	817,415	(717,174)	(6,274)	3,797,646
Retired Missonries fund	11,054	–	–	–	11,054
Benevolent fund	37,760	–	–	6,274	44,034
Missonaries widows benevolent fund	7,011	–	–	–	7,011
	<u>3,759,504</u>	<u>817,415</u>	<u>(717,174)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>3,859,745</u>

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 2024

18. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

General reserve fund represents those funds which are unrestricted and not designated for other purposes.

Designated funds

- Retired missionaries' fund this fund is to help retired missionaries in need of financial help.
- Benevolent fund this fund is for the provision of benevolent gifts.
- Missionaries Widows benevolent fund this fund is to help missionaries' widows in need of financial help.

Restricted funds

	At 1 March 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 29 February 2024 £
Shore road hall	<u>—</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>60,000</u>

	At 1 March 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 28 February 2023 £
Shore road hall	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>

The Restricted fund - Shore road hall is designated for the upkeep of this property.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 2024

19. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,804,016	–	1,804,016
Investments	1,691,271	–	1,691,271
Current assets	876,330	60,000	936,330
Creditors less than 1 year	(7,632)	–	(7,632)
Net assets	<u>4,363,985</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>4,423,985</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,876,468	–	1,876,468
Investments	1,641,889	–	1,641,889
Current assets	352,865	–	352,865
Creditors less than 1 year	(11,477)	–	(11,477)
Net assets	<u>3,859,745</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>3,859,745</u>

20. Financial instruments

The carrying amount for each category of financial instrument is as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	<u>1,691,271</u>	<u>1,641,889</u>

21. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Mar 2023 £	Cash flows £	At 29 Feb 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>341,996</u>	<u>161,824</u>	<u>503,820</u>

Belfast City Mission

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102621

Annual report

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 29 February 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 29 February 2024.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Belfast City Mission
Charity registration number	102621
Company registration number	R0000079
Principal office and registered office	Belfast City Mission Assembly Buildings 2-10 Fisherwick place Belfast BT1 6DW Northern Ireland

The trustees

Mr R Armour	
Mr H Thompson	
Rev D Bannerman	(Resigned 1 June 2023)
Mr W Logan	
Mr J Douglas	(Resigned 1 June 2023)
Mr T Irwin	
Rev J Maddock	(Resigned 20 July 2023)
Rev G McKeown	
Rev A Smyth	
Mr R Woods	

Company secretary William Logan

Auditor Hill Vellacott
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor
22 Great Victoria Street
Belfast
BT2 7BA

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 29 February 2024

Structure, governance and management

Belfast City Mission is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. It is legally known for the promotion of the gospel of Jesus Christ in the city of Belfast.

Governing Body

The governing body of Belfast City Mission is responsible for oversight of the business and the Christian ethos of our work.

Governing Document

The Belfast 'Town' Mission was founded in 1827. The name of the mission changed in 1918 to Belfast City Mission (Incorporated) as a Limited Company under the Companies Act 1908 - 1912.

Memorandum and Articles of Association were updated on 2 May 1997.

Appointment of Governors

Eighteen governors are elected every three years at our annual board meeting in April prior to the annual meeting of Belfast City Mission.

Management

Responsibility for the day to day running of the Belfast City Mission lies with the executive secretary along with the superintendent's board.

Membership or organisation

A member of the British Association of City Missions.

Trustees and helpers

All Trustees and helpers in our 16 halls give of their services without payment or expenses.

Objectives and activities

The work of the Belfast City Mission continues with the purpose of reaching people from all classes and creeds with the good news of the gospel. Mission halls in various districts across Belfast hold meetings which cater for all age groups throughout the week. Special emphasis is placed on our midweek and Sunday evening services to proclaim God's Word.

Organisations such as Sunday school, youth clubs, Boys Brigade (BB), and Girls Brigade (GB), provide much of the work done with young people. Mums and tots, homework clubs and breakfast clubs are also popular in some districts as a way of building relationships with families.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 29 February 2024

Strategic report

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

Achievements and performance

The past twelve months have seen a number of changes to the staff of Belfast City Mission. Three long standing missionaries retired and two new missionaries were appointed to the staff. At present there are several halls still vacant which we hope to have staffed in the near future.

One hall closed (Canton Street) due to falling numbers and the need for major capital expenditure on the premises. The people who attended the hall have been able to go to meetings in nearby halls in Bloomfield drive and in Island street.

Kilburn street hall which was closed last year and Canton street hall will hopefully be marketed for sale in the near future.

With the retirement of the missionary in Jersey street, the board decided to close the hall for a short time before reopening again but with a different style of ministry. It is hoped that the change will encourage more opportunities to engage with the local community.

The work with refugees and asylum seekers once again increased. Two of our missionaries are involved with many different strands of ministry as they seek to help some of the most vulnerable in society. English classes are provided twice weekly, with attendances at these meetings often exceeding per class. Help is also given with filling out forms for housing and benefits.

Many of the halls will seek to provide meals and food parcels for the poorest families in their districts. This has proved a valuable way of connecting with the elderly and the loneliest people who otherwise would be struggling.

Our children's work has once again flourished with many missionaries reporting an increase at Sunday school, youth clubs and the uniformed organisations such as GB and BB. Mums and tots groups are also popular in some of our districts. This is a valuable and rewarding work because it often leads to stronger family connections with the parents and guardians.

District visitation (door to door) is one of the most effective ways to get to know people and to invite them to the meetings in our halls.

All missionaries are involved in taking funerals. Some of these have been difficult because of the tragic circumstances particularly with suicides which seems to be increasing.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 29 February 2024

Financial review

Details of the results for the period are set out in the statement of financial activities on page 10 and the related notes.

Investment policy and returns

Belfast City Mission investments are managed by Kleinwort Hambros and Evelyn Partners Stockbrokers and were valued at £1,691,271 as at 28 February 2024.

During the past financial period, we have received dividend income from these investments totalling £36,360.

The finance of Belfast City Mission is wholly dependent on voluntary contributions received from people across the Province. The generosity of these gifts allows the Mission to carry out its work. As always we are thankful for those who continue to support us both prayerfully and practically.

Our main source of income this year has been our offerings from our Mission Halls and Churches and individual donations from across Northern Ireland.

Reserves

We need in the region of £600,000 per annum to keep us afloat, which up until 2023/2024 we had received year on year. In 2023/2024 we received £1,245,069(2022/23: £817,415).

At 28 February 2024 the charity held funds of £4,423,985. Of this £3,495,287 can only be realised by disposing of tangible fixed assets or investments.

In 2023/2024 we are grateful for the bequests we have received towards our work which increased significantly on the previous year.

Plans for future periods

As always, we are thankful for the churches, individuals and businesses which support our work throughout the year. Without their faithful giving and praying the work of the Mission would be severely hindered. Most of all we are grateful for God's gracious hand upon our work and the blessings we have received.

It is anticipated that our new work will not be focused primarily on hall based with meeting. A greater emphasis is being placed on more community outreach. Co-operation with the local PCI churches is also key to our future development. Working on joint projects is more efficient and cost effective for all involved.

Tax status

The company has been accepted as constituting a charity under the provisions of the Taxes Acts. Details of the results for the period are set out in the statement of financial activities on page 10 and the related notes.

Investment policy and returns

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 29 February 2024

Belfast City Mission investments are managed by Kleinwort Hambros and Evelyn Partners Stockbrokers and were valued at £1,691,271 as at 28 February 2024.

During the past financial period, we have received dividend income from these investments totalling £36,360.

The finance of Belfast City Mission is wholly dependent on voluntary contributions received from people across the Province. The generosity of these gifts allows the Mission to carry out its work. As always we are thankful for those who continue to support us both prayerfully and practically.

Our main source of income this year has been our offerings from our Mission Halls and Churches and individual donations from across Northern Ireland.

Reserves

We need in the region of £600,000 per annum to keep us afloat, which up until 2023/2024 we had received year on year. In 2023/2024 we received £1,245,069 (2022/23: £817,415).

At 28 February 2024 the charity held funds of £4,423,985. Of this £3,495,287 can only be realised by disposing of tangible fixed assets or investments.

In 2023/2024 we are grateful for the bequests we have received towards our work which increased significantly on the previous year.

Plans for future periods

As always, we are thankful for the churches, individuals and businesses which support our work throughout the year. Without their faithful giving and praying the work of the Mission would be severely hindered. Most of all we are grateful for God's gracious hand upon our work and the blessings we have received.

It is anticipated that our new work will not be focused primarily on hall based with meeting. A greater emphasis is being placed on more community outreach. Co-operation with the local PCI churches is also key to our future development. Working on joint projects is more efficient and cost effective for all involved.

Tax status

The company has been accepted as constituting a charity under the provisions of the Taxes Acts.

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).

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 29 February 2024

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:

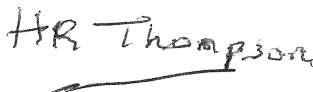
- so far as they are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware; and
- they have taken all steps that they ought to have taken as a trustee to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that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

A resolution to reappoint Hill Vellacott as auditors will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

The trustees' annual report and the strategic report were approved on 29 October 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr H Thompson
Trustee

Mr W Logan
Trustee





Belfast City Mission

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102621

Annual return

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission

Year ended 29 February 2024

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Belfast City Mission (the 'charity') for the year ended 29 February 2024 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position, statement of cash flows 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 29 February 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 and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with 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.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 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 and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 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.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 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.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 2024

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:

Our approach was as follows:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charity and determined that the most significant are those that relate to:

- the charitable status of the charity and its registration with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- compliance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition - October 2019) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019);
- data protection laws (including UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)).

Auditor's approach to assessing the risks of material misstatement due to irregularities, including fraud

We assessed the risks of material misstatement in respect of fraud with the consideration of:

- the charity's own assessment of the risks that irregularities may occur either because of fraud or error that was approved by the trustees;
- the results of our enquiries of management and the trustees about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the charity's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
 - the matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 2024

might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

Auditor's response and procedures to the risks identified

Based on the results of our risk assessment we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations identified above.

- we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charity for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud in the areas of the controls covering the application of funds to the restricted purposes specified by the funders and in which management is required to exercise significant judgment, such as disclosure of adjusting items. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.
- we also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the Charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included NI Charity legislation (including the regulator, The Charities Commission for Northern Ireland) and the Charity SORP.
- we made enquiries of management and those charged with governance and reviewed minutes of the Trustee's meetings and enquired about any communications with the charity regulator.

Audit procedures designed to respond to the risks of fraud

- we considered the risk of fraud through transactions outside the normal course of transactions by noting anything that was unusual in nature or size and enquired about such transaction to gain an understanding of their nature;
- based on the results of our risk assessment we designed our audit procedures to identify and to address material misstatements in relation to fraud and other irregularities.
- we reviewed the operation of the controls within the charity over expenditure in general and of the allocation of expenditure to the restricted funds and the segregation of duties within those controls, together with substantive testing and analytical review and incorporating an element of unpredictability in the selection of the nature, timing and extent of audit procedures.
- we evaluated the selection and application of accounting policies by the charity, particularly those related to subjective measurements, that may be indicative of fraudulent financial reporting.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission *(continued)*

Year ended 29 February 2024

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. 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.



Kieran McCaughey FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
Hill Vellacott
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor
22 Great Victoria Street
Belfast
BT2 7BA

29 October 2024

Belfast City Mission

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102621

Accounts

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER: R0000079
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER: 102621

Belfast City Mission
Company Limited by Guarantee
Financial Statements
28 February 2023

HILL VELLACOTT
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor
22 Great Victoria Street
Belfast
BT2 7BA

Belfast City Mission
Company Limited by Guarantee
Financial Statements
Year ended 28 February 2023

	Page
Trustees' annual report (incorporating the director's report)	1
Independent auditor's report to the members	6
Statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account)	11
Statement of financial position	12
Statement of cash flows	14
Notes to the financial statements	15

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 28 February 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 28 February 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Belfast City Mission
Charity registration number	102621
Company registration number	R0000079
Principal office and registered office	Belfast City Mission Assembly Buildings 2-10 Fisherwick place Belfast BT1 6DW Northern Ireland

The trustees

Mr R Armour	
Mr H Thompson	
Rev D Bannerman	(Resigned 1 June 2023)
Mr W Logan	
Mr J Douglas	(Resigned 1 June 2023)
Mr T Irwin	
Rev J Maddock	(Resigned 20 July 2023)
Rev G McKeown	
Rev A Smyth	
Mr R Woods	

Company secretary William Logan

Auditor Hill Vellacott
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor
22 Great Victoria Street
Belfast
BT2 7BA

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 28 February 2023

Structure, governance and management

Belfast City Mission is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. It is legally known for the promotion of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the City of Belfast.

Governing Body

The Governing Body of Belfast City Mission is responsible for oversight of the business and the Christian ethos of our work.

Governing Document

The Belfast 'Town' Mission was founded in 1827. The name of the Mission changed in 1918 to Belfast City Mission (Incorporated) as a Limited Company under the Companies Act 1908 - 1912.

Memorandum and Articles of Association were updated on 2 May 1997.

Appointment of Governors

Eighteen governors are elected every three years at our annual board meeting in April prior to the annual meeting of Belfast City Mission.

Management

Responsibility for the day to day running of the Belfast City Mission lies with the executive secretary along with the superintendent's board.

Membership or organisation

A member of the British Association of City Missions.

Trustees and helpers

All Trustees and helpers in our 16 halls give of their services without payment or expenses.

Objectives and activities

The work of the Belfast City Mission continues with the purpose of reaching people from all classes and creeds with the good news of the Gospel. Mission halls in various districts across Belfast hold meetings which cater for all age groups throughout the week. Special emphasis is placed on our Midweek and Sunday evening services to proclaim God's Word.

Organisations such as Sunday School, youth clubs, Boys and Girls Brigade provide much of the work done with young people. Mums and Tots, homework clubs and breakfast clubs are also popular in some districts as a way of building relationships with families.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 28 February 2023

Strategic report

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

Achievements and performance

The past twelve months saw the work of Belfast City Mission continue to achieve its objectives by taking the good news of the gospel to the needy people of Belfast.

In a number of our halls attendances have improved, with one hall seeing its attendance more than doubling in number. This was due to a Missionary being appointed fulltime to the district.

We had two retirements during the year and two missionaries also resigned. Thankfully we have been able to appoint two new staff members to offset this. One hall (Kilburn Street) sadly had to close due to it being deemed as a fire risk by the insurance company. This leaves BCM with 15 halls spread across the city.

Our work continues to grow amongst refugees and foreign nationals who have made Belfast their home. Weekly English classes are held regularly in one of our halls.

Following the Pandemic some of our halls continued to serve food and hand out food parcels to the most disadvantaged families in Belfast. The Foodbank in our Sandy Row District was once again very busy providing food to clients from across Belfast.

Our Missionaries continue to source furniture for families and offer other practical help where needed. The Annual Christmas Appeal was supported by over 100 churches allowing us to distribute food hampers, toys, chocolates and gift cards to many families and individuals.

Work amongst the children continued to flourish. Sunday Schools, after schools clubs, youth clubs and football camps attracted large numbers throughout the year.

Much of the work of BCM is personal and involves home visitation within districts as well as visits to those in hospital and in nursing homes.

The main emphasis of our work is taking the gospel message to the people of Belfast. This continues to be done through meetings in the halls, children's work and knocking on doors in the fifteen districts.

In the past year God has once again provided for our financial needs with the accounts showing a surplus due mainly to legacy income.

We look forward with great expectancy to the year that lies ahead to see what God will do in Belfast.

Additional objectives and activities

We are so thankful for the time given to our activities and objectives by our Missionaries and our helpers throughout the year without payment or expenses.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 28 February 2023

Financial review

Details of the results for the period are set out in the statement of financial activities on page 10 and the related notes.

Investment policy and returns

Belfast City Mission investments are managed by Kleinwort Hambros and Smith & Williamson Stockbrokers and were valued at £1,410,576 as at 28 February 2022.

During the past financial period, we have received dividend income from these investments totalling £26,238.

The finance of Belfast City Mission is wholly dependent on voluntary contributions received from people across the Province. The generosity of these gifts allows the Mission to carry out its work. As always we are thankful for those who continue to support us both prayerfully and practically.

Our main source of income this year has been our offerings from our Mission Halls and Churches and individual donations from across Northern Ireland.

Reserves

We need in the region of £600,000 per annum to keep us afloat, which up until 2021/2022 we had received year on year. In 2021/2022 we received £677,172 (2020/21: £596,555).

At 28 February 2023 the charity held funds of £3,678,975. Of this £3,410,011 can only be realised by disposing of tangible fixed assets or investments.

In 2021/2022 we are grateful for the bequests we have received towards our work which increased significantly on the previous year.

Plans for future periods

Our plan for the future is to continue to reach out and work in our capital city among all of our citizens regardless of class, culture or creed with the Gospel of Christ. To continue to promote our work as best as we can across Northern Ireland to bring in further voluntary donations to keep our Charity afloat.

Partnership with PCI is also being looked at in order to work together on mutual projects.

Tax status

The company has been accepted as constituting a charity under the provisions of the Taxes Acts.

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).

Belfast City Mission

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 28 February 2023

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity 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 Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. 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.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 30 November 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr W Logan
Trustee



Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission

Year ended 28 February 2023

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Belfast City Mission (the 'charity') for the year ended 28 February 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position, statement of cash flows 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 28 February 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 and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with 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.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission *(continued)*

Year ended 28 February 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 and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 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.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission *(continued)*

Year ended 28 February 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.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission *(continued)*

Year ended 28 February 2023

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:

Our approach was as follows:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charity and determined that the most significant are those that relate to:

- the charitable status of the charity and its registration with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- compliance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition - October 2019) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019);
- data protection laws (including UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)).

Auditor's approach to assessing the risks of material misstatement due to irregularities, including fraud

We assessed the risks of material misstatement in respect of fraud with the consideration of:

- the charity's own assessment of the risks that irregularities may occur either because of fraud or error that was approved by the trustees;
- the results of our enquiries of management and the trustees about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the charity's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
 - the matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission *(continued)*

Year ended 28 February 2023

might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

Auditor's response and procedures to the risks identified

Based on the results of our risk assessment we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations identified above.

- we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charity for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud in the areas of the controls covering the application of funds to the restricted purposes specified by the funders and in which management is required to exercise significant judgment, such as disclosure of adjusting items. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.
- we also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the Charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included NI Charity legislation (including the regulator, The Charities Commission for Northern Ireland) and the Charity SORP.
- we made enquiries of management and those charged with governance and reviewed minutes of the Trustee's meetings and enquired about any communications with the charity regulator.

Audit procedures designed to respond to the risks of fraud

- we considered the risk of fraud through transactions outside the normal course of transactions by noting anything that was unusual in nature or size and enquired about such transaction to gain an understanding of their nature;
- based on the results of our risk assessment we designed our audit procedures to identify and to address material misstatements in relation to fraud and other irregularities.
- we reviewed the operation of the controls within the charity over expenditure in general and of the allocation of expenditure to the restricted funds and the segregation of duties within those controls, together with substantive testing and analytical review and incorporating an element of unpredictability in the selection of the nature, timing and extent of audit procedures.
- we evaluated the selection and application of accounting policies by the charity, particularly those related to subjective measurements, that may be indicative of fraudulent financial reporting.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission *(continued)*

Year ended 28 February 2023

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. 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.



Kieran McCaughey FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
Hill Vellacott
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor
22 Great Victoria Street
Belfast
BT2 7BA

30 November 2023

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Statement of Financial Activities (including income and expenditure account)

Year ended 28 February 2023

		2023		2022
	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Total funds £	Total funds £
Income and endowments				
Donations and legacies	5	588,357	588,357	430,399
Charitable activities	6	241,214	241,214	195,158
Investment income	7	(11,324)	(11,324)	89,879
Total income		<u>818,247</u>	<u>818,247</u>	<u>715,436</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on raising funds:				
Costs of raising donations and legacies	8	695,884	695,884	623,225
Investment management costs	9	15,562	15,562	14,972
Expenditure on charitable activities		5,728	5,728	–
Other expenditure	10	832	832	(3,289)
Total expenditure		<u>718,006</u>	<u>718,006</u>	<u>634,908</u>
Net income and net movement in funds		<u>100,241</u>	<u>100,241</u>	<u>80,528</u>
Reconciliation of funds				
Total funds brought forward		3,759,504	3,759,504	3,678,976
Total funds carried forward		<u>3,859,745</u>	<u>3,859,745</u>	<u>3,759,504</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 15 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

Belfast City Mission
Company Limited by Guarantee
Statement of Financial Position
28 February 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	15	1,876,468	1,949,091
Investments	16	<u>1,641,889</u>	<u>1,410,576</u>
		3,518,357	3,359,667
Current assets			
Debtors	17	10,869	5,993
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>341,996</u>	<u>399,304</u>
		352,865	405,297
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	<u>11,477</u>	<u>5,460</u>
Net current assets		341,388	399,837
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>3,859,745</u>	<u>3,759,504</u>
Net assets		<u>3,859,745</u>	<u>3,759,504</u>
Funds of the charity			
Unrestricted funds		<u>3,859,745</u>	<u>3,759,504</u>
Total charity funds	19	<u>3,859,745</u>	<u>3,759,504</u>

These financial statements were approved by the board of trustees and authorised for issue on 30 November 2023, and are signed on behalf of the board by:

Mr W Logan
Trustee



The notes on pages 15 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Statement of Cash Flows

Year ended 28 February 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net income	100,241	80,528
<i>Adjustments for:</i>		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	72,623	73,748
Net gains on investments	53,112	(70,009)
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(40,955)	(34,841)
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	–	13,485
Accrued expenses	1,141	595
Portfolio management charges	15,675	14,972
Cash generated from operations	<u>201,837</u>	<u>78,478</u>
Net cash from operating activities	<u>201,837</u>	<u>78,478</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	16,855	12,087
Purchase of tangible assets	–	(9,613)
Proceeds from sale of tangible assets	–	26,516
Purchases of other investments	(300,000)	–
Proceeds from sale of other investments	24,000	24,000
Net cash (used in)/from investing activities	<u>(259,145)</u>	<u>52,990</u>
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(57,308)	131,468
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	<u>399,304</u>	<u>267,836</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>341,996</u>	<u>399,304</u>

The notes on pages 15 to 24 form part of these financial statements.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements

Year ended 28 February 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 Belfast City Mission Assembly Buildings, 2-10 Fisherwick place, Belfast, BT1 6DW, Northern Ireland.

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. There are no Judgements or key sources of estimation that are considered material.

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.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 28 February 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.

Tangible assets

Tangible assets are initially recorded at cost, and subsequently stated at cost less any accumulated depreciation and impairment losses. Any tangible assets carried at revalued amounts are recorded at the fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 28 February 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Tangible assets *(continued)*

An increase in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of a revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, unless it reverses a charge for impairment that has previously been recognised as expenditure within the statement of financial activities. A decrease in the carrying amount of an asset as a result of revaluation, is recognised in other recognised gains and losses, except to which it offsets any previous revaluation gain, in which case the loss is shown within other recognised gains and losses on the statement of financial activities.

Depreciation

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost or valuation of an asset, less its residual value, over the useful economic life of that asset as follows:

Freehold property	-	2.5% Straight line
Fixtures and fittings	-	20% reducing balance
Motor vehicles	-	25% straight line
Equipment	-	33.33% Straight line

Investments

Listed investments are measured at fair value with changes in fair value being recognised in profit or loss.

Investments in associates

Investments in associates accounted for in accordance with the cost model are recorded at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Investments in associates accounted for in accordance with the fair value model are initially recorded at the transaction price. At each reporting date, the investments are measured at fair value, with changes in fair value taken through income or expenditure. Where it is impracticable to measure fair value reliably without undue cost or effort, the cost model will be adopted.

Dividends and other distributions received from the investment are recognised as income without regard to whether the distributions are from accumulated profits of the associate arising before or after the date of acquisition.

Investments in joint ventures

Investments in jointly controlled entities accounted for in accordance with the cost model are recorded at cost less any accumulated impairment losses.

Investments in jointly controlled entities accounted for in accordance with the fair value model are initially recorded at the transaction price. At each reporting date, the investments are measured at fair value, with changes in fair value taken through income or expenditure. Where it is impracticable to measure fair value reliably without undue cost or effort, the cost model will be adopted.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 28 February 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Investments in joint ventures *(continued)*

Dividends and other distributions received from the investment are recognised as income without regard to whether the distributions are from accumulated profits of the joint venture arising before or after the date of acquisition.

Impairment of fixed assets

A review for indicators of impairment is carried out at each reporting date, with the recoverable amount being estimated where such indicators exist. Where the carrying value exceeds the recoverable amount, the asset is impaired accordingly. Prior impairments are also reviewed for possible reversal at each reporting date.

For the purposes of impairment testing, when it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, an estimate is made of the recoverable amount of the cash-generating unit to which the asset belongs. The cash-generating unit is the smallest identifiable group of assets that includes the asset and generates cash inflows that largely independent of the cash inflows from other assets or groups of assets.

For impairment testing of goodwill, the goodwill acquired in a business combination is, from the acquisition date, allocated to each of the cash-generating units that are expected to benefit from the synergies of the combination, irrespective of whether other assets or liabilities of the charity are assigned to those units.

Financial instruments

A financial asset or a financial liability is recognised only when the charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at the amount receivable or payable including any related transaction costs.

Current assets and current liabilities are subsequently measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid or received and not discounted.

Debt instruments are subsequently measured at amortised cost.

Where investments in shares are publicly traded or their fair value can otherwise be measured reliably, the investment is subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in income and expenditure. All other such investments are subsequently measured at cost less impairment.

Other financial instruments, including derivatives, are initially recognised at fair value, unless payment for an asset is deferred beyond normal business terms or financed at a rate of interest that is not a market rate, in which case the asset is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest for a similar debt instrument.

Other financial instruments are subsequently measured at fair value, with any changes recognised in the statement of financial activities, with the exception of hedging instruments in a designated hedging relationship.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 28 February 2023

3. Accounting policies *(continued)*

Financial instruments *(continued)*

Financial assets that are measured at cost or amortised cost are reviewed for objective evidence of impairment at the end of each reporting date. If there is objective evidence of impairment, an impairment loss is recognised under the appropriate heading in the statement of financial activities in which the initial gain was recognised.

For all equity instruments regardless of significance, and other financial assets that are individually significant, these are assessed individually for impairment. Other financial assets are either assessed individually or grouped on the basis of similar credit risk characteristics.

Any reversals of impairment are recognised immediately, to the extent that the reversal does not result in a carrying amount of the financial asset that exceeds what the carrying amount would have been had the impairment not previously been recognised.

4. Limited by guarantee

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. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

5. Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations				
Individual Donations	70,494	70,494	239,316	239,316
Church and Organisation Donations	95,185	95,185	–	–
Gift Aid	42,330	42,330	23,649	23,649
Trust Funds	–	–	5,000	5,000
Legacies				
Legacies	380,348	380,348	162,434	162,434
	<u>588,357</u>	<u>588,357</u>	<u>430,399</u>	<u>430,399</u>

6. Charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Auxiliaries	36,394	36,394	41,488	41,488
Mission Hall Income	204,820	204,820	153,670	153,670
	<u>241,214</u>	<u>241,214</u>	<u>195,158</u>	<u>195,158</u>

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 28 February 2023

7. Investment income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Dividend income	34,081	34,081	26,238	26,238
Investment Income	3,360	3,360	8,113	8,113
Bank Interest	3,515	3,515	490	490
Movement of market value of shares	(52,280)	(52,280)	55,038	55,038
	<u>(11,324)</u>	<u>(11,324)</u>	<u>89,879</u>	<u>89,879</u>

8. Costs of raising donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Cost of Generating funds	429,458	429,458	398,645	398,645
Administration Costs	266,426	266,426	224,580	224,580
	<u>695,884</u>	<u>695,884</u>	<u>623,225</u>	<u>623,225</u>

9. Investment management costs

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Portfolio management	<u>15,562</u>	<u>15,562</u>	<u>14,972</u>	<u>14,972</u>

10. Other expenditure

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets held for charity's own use	–	–	13,485	13,485
Loss on disposal of intangible assets for charity's own use	832	832	(16,774)	(16,774)
	<u>832</u>	<u>832</u>	<u>(3,289)</u>	<u>(3,289)</u>

11. Net income

Net income is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	72,623	73,748
Loss on disposal of tangible fixed assets	–	13,485
Loss/(gains) on disposal of intangible assets	<u>832</u>	<u>(16,774)</u>

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 28 February 2023

12. Auditors remuneration

	2023	2022
	£	£
Fees payable for the audit of the financial statements	<u>5,730</u>	<u>–</u>

In the prior year the Charity Financial Statements had an independent examination and a fee of £5,460 was incurred for this.

13. Staff costs

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

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	<u>469,026</u>	<u>422,300</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was 31 (2022: 30). The average number of full-time equivalent employees during the year is analysed as follows:

	2023	2022
	No.	No.
Administration	3	3
Missionaries	19	19
Mission Hall staff	8	8
	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>

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

Key Management Personnel

Key management personnel include all persons that have authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the charity. The total compensation paid to key management personnel for services provided to the charity was £32,758 (2022:£32,758).

14. Trustee remuneration and expenses

There was no remuneration or benefits paid to trustees for performing their duties as trustees. There was £32,758 paid during the year to a trustee for duties as an administrator of the charity.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 28 February 2023

15. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Equipment £	Total £
Cost					
At 1 March 2022 and 28 February 2023	<u>2,870,649</u>	<u>72,992</u>	<u>26,495</u>	<u>14,972</u>	<u>2,985,108</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 March 2022	925,843	68,707	26,495	14,972	1,036,017
Charge for the year	71,766	857	–	–	72,623
At 28 February 2023	<u>997,609</u>	<u>69,564</u>	<u>26,495</u>	<u>14,972</u>	<u>1,108,640</u>
Carrying amount					
At 28 February 2023	<u>1,873,040</u>	<u>3,428</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>1,876,468</u>
At 28 February 2022	<u>1,944,806</u>	<u>4,285</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>1,949,091</u>

16. Investments

	Listed investments £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 March 2022	1,410,576
Additions	79,629
Disposals	(72,035)
Fair value movements	(52,280)
Transfers	275,999
At 28 February 2023	<u>1,641,889</u>
Impairment	
At 1 March 2022 and 28 February 2023	
Carrying amount	
At 28 February 2023	<u>1,641,889</u>
At 28 February 2022	<u>1,410,576</u>

All investments shown above are held at valuation.

Financial assets held at fair value

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 28 February 2023

17. Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>10,869</u>	<u>5,993</u>

18. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Accruals and deferred income	<u>11,477</u>	<u>5,460</u>

19. Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted funds

	At				At
	1 March 2022	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	28 February 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	3,703,679	818,247	(718,006)	(6,274)	3,797,646
Retired Missionaries fund	11,054	–	–	–	11,054
Benevolent fund	37,760	–	–	6,274	44,034
Missionaries widows benevolent fund	7,011	–	–	–	7,011
	<u>3,759,504</u>	<u>818,247</u>	<u>(718,006)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>3,859,745</u>

	At				At
	1 March 2021	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	28 February 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	3,632,528	715,436	(634,908)	(9,377)	3,703,679
Retired Missionaries fund	11,054	–	–	–	11,054
Benevolent fund	28,928	–	–	8,832	37,760
Missionaries widows benevolent fund	6,466	–	–	545	7,011
	<u>3,678,976</u>	<u>715,436</u>	<u>(634,908)</u>	<u>–</u>	<u>3,759,504</u>

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Notes to the Financial Statements *(continued)*

Year ended 28 February 2023

19. Analysis of charitable funds *(continued)*

General reserve fund represents those funds which are unrestricted and not designated for other purposes.

Designated funds

- Retired missionaries' fund this fund is to help retired missionaries in need of financial help.
- Benevolent fund this fund is for the provision of benevolent gifts.
- Missionaries Widows benevolent fund this fund is to help missionaries' widows in need of financial help.

20. Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,876,468	1,876,468
Investments	1,641,889	1,641,889
Current assets	352,865	352,865
Creditors less than 1 year	(11,477)	(11,477)
Net assets	3,859,745	3,859,745

	Unrestricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,949,091	1,949,091
Investments	1,410,576	1,410,576
Current assets	405,298	405,298
Creditors less than 1 year	5,460	5,460
Net assets	3,770,425	3,770,425

21. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 Mar 2022 £	Cash flows £	At 28 Feb 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>399,304</u>	<u>(57,308)</u>	<u>341,996</u>

Belfast City Mission

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102621

Annual report

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 28 February 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 28 February 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	Belfast City Mission
Charity registration number	102621
Company registration number	R0000079
Principal office and registered office	Belfast City Mission Assembly Buildings 2-10 Fisherwick place Belfast BT1 6DW Northern Ireland

The trustees

Mr R Armour	
Mr H Thompson	
Rev D Bannerman	(Resigned 1 June 2023)
Mr W Logan	
Mr J Douglas	(Resigned 1 June 2023)
Mr T Irwin	
Rev J Maddock	(Resigned 20 July 2023)
Rev G McKeown	
Rev A Smyth	
Mr R Woods	

Company secretary William Logan

Auditor Hill Vellacott
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor
22 Great Victoria Street
Belfast
BT2 7BA

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 28 February 2023

Structure, governance and management

Belfast City Mission is a company limited by guarantee and a registered charity. It is legally known for the promotion of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the City of Belfast.

Governing Body

The Governing Body of Belfast City Mission is responsible for oversight of the business and the Christian ethos of our work.

Governing Document

The Belfast 'Town' Mission was founded in 1827. The name of the Mission changed in 1918 to Belfast City Mission (Incorporated) as a Limited Company under the Companies Act 1908 - 1912.

Memorandum and Articles of Association were updated on 2 May 1997.

Appointment of Governors

Eighteen governors are elected every three years at our annual board meeting in April prior to the annual meeting of Belfast City Mission.

Management

Responsibility for the day to day running of the Belfast City Mission lies with the executive secretary along with the superintendent's board.

Membership or organisation

A member of the British Association of City Missions.

Trustees and helpers

All Trustees and helpers in our 16 halls give of their services without payment or expenses.

Objectives and activities

The work of the Belfast City Mission continues with the purpose of reaching people from all classes and creeds with the good news of the Gospel. Mission halls in various districts across Belfast hold meetings which cater for all age groups throughout the week. Special emphasis is placed on our Midweek and Sunday evening services to proclaim God's Word.

Organisations such as Sunday School, youth clubs, Boys and Girls Brigade provide much of the work done with young people. Mums and Tots, homework clubs and breakfast clubs are also popular in some districts as a way of building relationships with families.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 28 February 2023

Strategic report

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

Achievements and performance

The past twelve months saw the work of Belfast City Mission continue to achieve its objectives by taking the good news of the gospel to the needy people of Belfast.

In a number of our halls attendances have improved, with one hall seeing its attendance more than doubling in number. This was due to a Missionary being appointed fulltime to the district.

We had two retirements during the year and two missionaries also resigned. Thankfully we have been able to appoint two new staff members to offset this. One hall (Kilburn Street) sadly had to close due to it being deemed as a fire risk by the insurance company. This leaves BCM with 15 halls spread across the city.

Our work continues to grow amongst refugees and foreign nationals who have made Belfast their home. Weekly English classes are held regularly in one of our halls.

Following the Pandemic some of our halls continued to serve food and hand out food parcels to the most disadvantaged families in Belfast. The Foodbank in our Sandy Row District was once again very busy providing food to clients from across Belfast.

Our Missionaries continue to source furniture for families and offer other practical help where needed. The Annual Christmas Appeal was supported by over 100 churches allowing us to distribute food hampers, toys, chocolates and gift cards to many families and individuals.

Work amongst the children continued to flourish. Sunday Schools, after schools clubs, youth clubs and football camps attracted large numbers throughout the year.

Much of the work of BCM is personal and involves home visitation within districts as well as visits to those in hospital and in nursing homes.

The main emphasis of our work is taking the gospel message to the people of Belfast. This continues to be done through meetings in the halls, children's work and knocking on doors in the fifteen districts.

In the past year God has once again provided for our financial needs with the accounts showing a surplus due mainly to legacy income.

We look forward with great expectancy to the year that lies ahead to see what God will do in Belfast.

Additional objectives and activities

We are so thankful for the time given to our activities and objectives by our Missionaries and our helpers throughout the year without payment or expenses.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 28 February 2023

Financial review

Details of the results for the period are set out in the statement of financial activities on page 10 and the related notes.

Investment policy and returns

Belfast City Mission investments are managed by Kleinwort Hambros and Smith & Williamson Stockbrokers and were valued at £1,410,576 as at 28 February 2022.

During the past financial period, we have received dividend income from these investments totalling £26,238.

The finance of Belfast City Mission is wholly dependent on voluntary contributions received from people across the Province. The generosity of these gifts allows the Mission to carry out its work. As always we are thankful for those who continue to support us both prayerfully and practically.

Our main source of income this year has been our offerings from our Mission Halls and Churches and individual donations from across Northern Ireland.

Reserves

We need in the region of £600,000 per annum to keep us afloat, which up until 2021/2022 we had received year on year. In 2021/2022 we received £677,172 (2020/21: £596,555).

At 28 February 2023 the charity held funds of £3,678,975. Of this £3,410,011 can only be realised by disposing of tangible fixed assets or investments.

In 2021/2022 we are grateful for the bequests we have received towards our work which increased significantly on the previous year.

Plans for future periods

Our plan for the future is to continue to reach out and work in our capital city among all of our citizens regardless of class, culture or creed with the Gospel of Christ. To continue to promote our work as best as we can across Northern Ireland to bring in further voluntary donations to keep our Charity afloat.

Partnership with PCI is also being looked at in order to work together on mutual projects.

Tax status

The company has been accepted as constituting a charity under the provisions of the Taxes Acts.

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).

Belfast City Mission

Trustees' Annual Report *(continued)*

Year ended 28 February 2023

The law applicable to charities in Northern Ireland 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 charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity 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 Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. 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.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 30 November 2023 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Mr W Logan
Trustee



Belfast City Mission

Northern Ireland - Charity number 102621

Annual return

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission

Year ended 28 February 2023

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Belfast City Mission (the 'charity') for the year ended 28 February 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities (including income and expenditure account), statement of financial position, statement of cash flows 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 28 February 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 and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with 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.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission *(continued)*

Year ended 28 February 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 and the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 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.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission *(continued)*

Year ended 28 February 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.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission *(continued)*

Year ended 28 February 2023

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:

Our approach was as follows:

We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory frameworks that are applicable to the charity and determined that the most significant are those that relate to:

- the charitable status of the charity and its registration with The Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008;
- compliance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) (second edition - October 2019) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019);
- data protection laws (including UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)).

Auditor's approach to assessing the risks of material misstatement due to irregularities, including fraud

We assessed the risks of material misstatement in respect of fraud with the consideration of:

- the charity's own assessment of the risks that irregularities may occur either because of fraud or error that was approved by the trustees;
- the results of our enquiries of management and the trustees about their own identification and assessment of the risks of irregularities;
- any matters we identified having obtained and reviewed the charity's documentation of their policies and procedures relating to:
 - identifying, evaluating and complying with laws and regulations and whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance;
 - detecting and responding to the risks of fraud and whether they have knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud;
 - the internal controls established to mitigate risks of fraud or non-compliance with laws and regulations; and
 - the matters discussed among the audit engagement team regarding how and where fraud

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission *(continued)*

Year ended 28 February 2023

might occur in the financial statements and any potential indicators of fraud.

Auditor's response and procedures to the risks identified

Based on the results of our risk assessment we designed our audit procedures to identify non-compliance with such laws and regulations identified above.

- we considered the opportunities and incentives that may exist within the charity for fraud and identified the greatest potential for fraud in the areas of the controls covering the application of funds to the restricted purposes specified by the funders and in which management is required to exercise significant judgment, such as disclosure of adjusting items. In common with all audits under ISAs (UK), we are also required to perform specific procedures to respond to the risk of management override.
- we also obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory framework that the Charity operates in, focusing on provisions of those laws and regulations that had a direct effect on the determination of material amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The key laws and regulations we considered in this context included NI Charity legislation (including the regulator, The Charities Commission for Northern Ireland) and the Charity SORP.
- we made enquiries of management and those charged with governance and reviewed minutes of the Trustee's meetings and enquired about any communications with the charity regulator.

Audit procedures designed to respond to the risks of fraud

- we considered the risk of fraud through transactions outside the normal course of transactions by noting anything that was unusual in nature or size and enquired about such transaction to gain an understanding of their nature;
- based on the results of our risk assessment we designed our audit procedures to identify and to address material misstatements in relation to fraud and other irregularities.
- we reviewed the operation of the controls within the charity over expenditure in general and of the allocation of expenditure to the restricted funds and the segregation of duties within those controls, together with substantive testing and analytical review and incorporating an element of unpredictability in the selection of the nature, timing and extent of audit procedures.
- we evaluated the selection and application of accounting policies by the charity, particularly those related to subjective measurements, that may be indicative of fraudulent financial reporting.

Belfast City Mission

Company Limited by Guarantee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Belfast City Mission *(continued)*

Year ended 28 February 2023

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's members, as a body, in accordance with section 65 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. 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.



Kieran McCaughey FCCA (Senior Statutory Auditor)

For and on behalf of
Hill Vellacott
Chartered accountants & statutory auditor
22 Great Victoria Street
Belfast
BT2 7BA

30 November 2023