

Headway (Ireland)

Northern Ireland · Charity number 102678

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-08-20
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

Contact

Address	15 Springfort Lodge Dollingstown Craigavon BT66 7be BT66 7BE
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Activities

Purposes: The aims of the movement shall be the advancement of Religion by: 1. The promotion of the renewal and revival of the work, worship and witness of the Church, particularly Methodism, through prayer and in the power of the Holy Spirit 2. The encouragement of prayer for revival at a personal level and in the Church at home and overseas 3. The furtherance of informed theological discussion in the Church 4. The furtherance of thinking and action on ethical, moral and social issues in a responsible and compassionate way based on the belief that the righteous will of God must be expressed in the life of society 5. The promotion of joint action with evangelical Christians of all denominations of the Church in local and national events 6. The promotion of mature Christian spirituality in the lives of all members of the Church

What the charity does: The advancement of religion, The advancement of citizenship or community development

How the charity works: Religious activities

Who the charity helps: Men, Women

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-12-31	£772	£289	£0	0
2024-12-31	£1,387	£1,732	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Miss Heather Boland		
Rev David Clements		
Rev James Rea		
Rev Kenneth Robinson		
Rev Kenneth Todd		
Rev Winston Good		

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HEADWAY IRELAND

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Up to 31 December 2025

Balance as of 1st January 2025	£	2,362.35
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INCOME

Membership/Donations	£	769.60
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Bank Interest	£	2.74
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Total Annual Income	£	772.34
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EXPENDITURE

Cheque 200407 (3/4 Rev A Boucher - Dinner)	£	71.00
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Cheque 200405 (7/5 Methodist Publishing Co)	£	85.00
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Cheque 200406 (9/7 Rev D Bruce Spring Meeting)	£	100.00
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Bank Fees	£	33.49
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Total Annual Expenditure	£	289.49
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Balance as of 31 December 2025	£	2,845.20
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SIGNED:

Amber Lyle
(Treasurer)

AUDITOR:

Eileen Forde

DATE: 31/03/2026

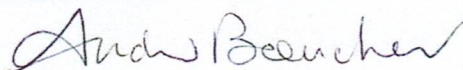
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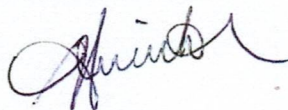
Income and Expenditure Account up to 31 December 2024

2023		2024
<u>£2,645.66</u>	Balance as at 1 January 2023	<u>£2,707.71</u> ✓
	Income	
£755.00	Membership	£840.00 ✓
£443.56	Donations	£0.00
£259.00	Headway Lecture (Spring Rally)	£248.00 ✓
	Autumn Rally	
£260.00	Spring Rally Meal (Note 1)	£296.00 ✓
	Conference Meeting	
£3.21	Bank Interest	£2.61 ✓
<u>£1,720.77</u>	Income for the year 2023	<u>£1,386.61</u>
<u><u>£4,366.43</u></u>		<u><u>£4,094.32</u></u> ✓
	Expenditure	
£385.00	Spring Rally	£420.00 ✓
£376.20	Spring Rally Meal (Note 1)	£422.40 ✓
£196.00	MET Magazines	£0.00
£396.00	Website	£492.00 ✓
£150.40	Postage	
	Donation to Rev D Hull	£100.00 ✓
£100.00	Conference Rally	£100.00 ✓
£18.00	Ballynanny Meeting	£0.00
	Books and Postage (Note 3)	£158.80 ✓
£37.12	Bank Fees	£38.77 ✓
<u>£1,658.72</u>	Expenditure for the year 2023	<u>£1,731.97</u>
<u>£2,707.71</u>	Balance as at 31 December 2023 (Note 2)	<u>£2,362.35</u> ✓
<u><u>£4,366.43</u></u>		<u><u>£4,094.32</u></u>

- Note 1 Spring Rally Meal for Guests total was £422.40
Headway Executive Members contribution toward this was £296
- Note 2 End of year balance includes £1546.39 for Outreach Books
Without this the balance would be £815.96
- Note 3 Postage for sending out Rev. D Hull's Book, Runaway Train,
to every minister in the active work



Treasurer: Andrew Boucher



Auditor: Henry Wilson

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Income and Expenditure Account up to 31 December 2023

2,022		2023	Notes
<u>£3,197.46</u>	Balance as at 1 January 2023	<u>£2,645.66</u> /	
	Income		
£820.00	Membership	£755.00 /	
£500.00	Donations	£443.56 /	
£251.39	Headway Lecture (Spring Rally)	£259.00 /	
	Autumn Rally		
	Spring Rally Meal (Note 1)	£260.00 /	
	Conference Meeting		
£3.27	Bank Interest	£3.21 /	
<u>£1,574.66</u>	Income for the year 2023	<u>£1,720.77</u>	
<u>£4,772.12</u>		<u>£4,366.43</u>	
	Expenditure		
£415.00	Spring Rally	£385.00 /	
	Spring Rally Meal (Note 1)	£376.20 /	
£604.55	MET Magazines	£196.00 /	
£426.00	Website	£396.00 /	
	Postage	£150.40 /	
	Printing re Headway Breakfast		
£85.00	Conference Rally	£100.00 /	
	Ballynanny Meeting	£18.00 /	
£554.99	Books and Postage		
£40.92	Bank Fees	£37.12 /	
<u>£2,126.46</u>	Expenditure for the year 2023	<u>£1,658.72</u>	
<u>£2,645.66</u>	Balance as at 31 December 2023 (Note 2)	<u>£2,707.71</u> /	
<u>£4,772.12</u>		<u>£4,366.43</u>	

Note 1

Spring Rally Meal for Guests total was £376.20

Headway Executive Members contribution toward this was £260

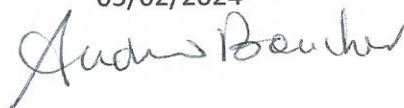
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End of year balance includes £1705.19 for Outreach Books

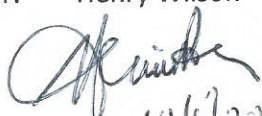
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Date 05/02/2024



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14/5/2024

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Annual report

Headway Ireland

Associated With Methodist Evangelicals Together (MET)

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2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday May 31st

At 7.45pm

SEYMOUR STREET METHODIST CHURCH. LISBURN

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20May 2024

Dear Colleagues,

We are looking forward to meeting at our AGM in person to be held in Seymour St, Methodist Church, Lisburn, on Friday 31 May 2024 at 7.45pm.

Please find included the agenda and papers relevant to the meeting.

If you have not paid your annual subscription for 2023 please note that this is now due and our Treasurer, the Rev Andrew Boucher will appreciate your payment of same. Fees are £25 for individuals and couples and £20 for those who are retired. Cheques should be made payable to Headway Ireland and sent to the above address.

If you have any item for discussion can you please inform me by Friday May 26th. We look forward to sharing in fellowship with you at the meeting.

Sincerely

Ken Robinson (Secretary)

AGENDA.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday May 31st : 7.45pm

- 1) Opening Devotions
- 2) Apologies:
- 3) Sympathy & Greetings:
- 4) Minutes of the 2023 AGM
- 5) Matters Arising from the 2023 Minutes.
- 6) Secretary's Report
- 7) Treasurer's Report
- 8) Conference Event 2024: Bishop Ken Clarke on zoom.
- 9) Election of Officers
- 10) Business and Resolutions of which notice has been received.
- 11) Date of Next Executive Committee:
- 12) Review of the Agenda of Conference 2024:
- 13) Any Other Business.
- 14) Prayer & Close.

The Annual General Meeting for 2023 of Headway Ireland took place in Seymour Street Methodist Church Halls, Lisburn on Friday June 2nd at 8.00pm.

PRESENT: Revs David Clements (Chair), Andrew Boucher, Ken Bradley, Roy Cooper, Philip Gallagher, Derek Johnston, Jim Rea, Ken Robinson (Secretary), Tommy Stevenson, Ken Wilson, Mrs. Hazel Baird, Lindsay Gibson, Lynda Neilands, Beulah Robinson, Misses Lorna Douglas, Rhoda Baxter, Heather Boland, Messrs Marshall Allen and Steven Baird.

David welcomed all and then read from John 12. He had 2 thoughts:

- a) When the Gentile Greeks approached Philip they said, *"Sir we would see Jesus"*. David said it was a privilege for us as individuals to help people see Jesus, and that Headway existed in order to help people find Jesus and then become like Jesus.
- b) David referred to the reply of Jesus when he said *"Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies it remains a single grain"*. He asked are we being fruitful as followers of Jesus. The temptation is to love life here and to seek to be liked, popular and accepted. He said culture had changed and the way we as followers of Jesus lived in former days had been accepted but now faithful discipleship drew criticism. He stated the church of Jesus Christ has not moved but the world has. If we give in then we are in danger of losing our life, but if we stand firm then when Jesus returns we will be rewarded.

David then led in prayer.

APOLOGIES: These were received from, Philip Bridge, Billy Davison, Aian Ferguson, Andrew Gibson, Lee Glenny, Jennifer Hartley, Osmond Mulligan, Margaret and Ed Tate, Brian Sweeney, Robert Wallace and the President Designate.

SYMPATHIES: These had been extended to our chair on the passing of his mother and greetings to David Turtle as he prepared to become President of the Methodist Church in Ireland.

MINUTES OF THE 2022 AGM: These were approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING: None

SECRETARYS'S REPORT: Agreed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Accepted. Roy Cooper asked should Headway consider sponsoring a student to attend an evangelical conference where that student might be enriched and blessed. The chair said the Executive would consider this.

CONFERENCE EVENT: Bishop David McClay had agreed to speak on zoom on the topic *Sharing Christ with a Broken World* on Tuesday June 6th at 8pm.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: All were reelected.

REVIEW OF CONFERENCE AGENDA: Human Sexuality.

The chair reported that he had been told the Faith and Order Committee would not bring any report of substance on the subject of human sexuality to the 2023 Methodist Conference. This led to a long debate in which many members contributed.

Some of the comments included;

- a) The F & O Committee has no appetite for radical change.
- b) As believers living under the authority of Scripture, we are convinced that the Bible forbids all same sex sexual practice.
- c) Some within the F & O committee believe that committed gay relationships are not radical. Leadership is open to these people.
- d) The Blue Book of 2022 said that individual circuits should decide who is eligible for leadership, but this will result in a piece meal approach.

e) We need clarity. Sex between same sex couples is against what the Bible teaches.

f) The MCI is in danger of doing as the MCB did and that is watching as the train runs away and before long it is too late to stop it.

g) The Encounter meetings were softening the connexion but for what?

h) Are our ministers asked do we believe and preach our doctrines as before because if MCI approves same sex relationships many will be unable to?

i) Does MCI still have a concept of sin?

j) What is the current teaching of MCI about sex? Should conference be asked?

k) Is the covenant with the Church of Ireland in danger if MCI approves same sex relationships?

l) Given that F & O has been debating this for 10 years, what is the process for the years to come?

m) Can F & O share with the connexion what the response to the Encounter gatherings has been?

n) Good things are still happening within MCI. God is still at work.

REVIEW OF CONFERENCE AGENDA: Church Growth.

It was noted that while a study of church growth within MCI was welcome, there was no point in bringing new people in through the front door if the back door remained open. In the past connexional year 5 churches had closed and 5 ministers had decided to leave the pastoral ministry. Were those who so choose ever asked why?

FUTURE DATES:

Zoom prayer meeting on September 12th.
Executive Committee to be arranged.

There being no other business Ken Robinson closed in prayer.

Secretary's Report

The annual conference of the Methodist church in Ireland will be held a few days after our AGM. Many issues will be discussed including the question of human sexuality. The working party set up by the conference has been discussing this for many years and this year their deliberations will be shared with us. Because of that, this conference will be the most important for many years.

The subject of human sexuality has dominated the thinking of our executive committee throughout the year. Every meeting has had an extended time of discussion about this and our regular prayer meetings held on zoom have included the forthcoming conference as we have sought the Lord and pleaded with Him for mercy, wisdom and guidance. These prayer times have been wonderfully refreshing and we encourage our members to join us at the next prayer meeting as we seek the Lord.

Members will remember that in a recent copy of the Methodist Newsletter a photograph appeared of two Methodist Ministers standing behind a banner which suggested the Methodist Church in Ireland was supportive of gay pride. A delegation from Headway met with the secretary of Conference and the President in response. Questions were asked and assurances sought.

Our chair, David Clements and one of our members, Lynda Neilands contributed to the series of five podcasts posted on the connexional web site. Their podcasts were excellent and we congratulate them and trust their contributions will continue to enlighten and educate all who watch them.

Copies of ***The Runaway Train***, written by David Hull, chair of MET were given to every minister in the active work when they attended the Recall Conference in Sligo in January. Many of the recipients were glad to receive them.

The Headway web site has been expanded to include resources specific to the sexuality debate.

Judge David Turner, originally from Londonderry but now resident in London was the speaker at our Spring Gathering. He spoke about ***Challenges to the Word of God today***. In a superb address he spoke with clarity and passion about the LGBTQ+ movement and how the church can respond.

These are perilous times for the Methodist Church. The influence and prayers of Headway members is vital. Non members have contacted the officers on occasion to express their appreciation of the lead Headway is giving. As we approach our AGM we trust the Lord will continue to anoint all who belong to Headway and that the work done for Him will be blessed.

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Treasurer's report to the charity trustees of 'Headway Ireland' for the year ended 31 December 2023

I report on the accounts of Headway Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on the following page.

As the charity's trustees we are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008. It is the Auditors responsibility to:

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

He will examine our account as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

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

His role is to state whether any material matters have come to his attention and give him cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. CCNI ARR07 – supporting document 5 August 2016



Andrew Boucher
Treasurer

Independent examiner's statement:

I have completed my examination and have no concerns and I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

The books have been audited and found to be correct



Name: Henry Wilson

8 Downshire Road, Carrickfergus

14/5/24

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Headway Ireland

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2,021		2,022
<u>£505.54</u>	Balance as at 1 January 2021	<u>£3,197.46 /</u>
	Income	
£1,301.88	Membership	£820.00 /
	Donations	£500.00 /
	Headway Lecture (Spring Rally)	£251.39 /
	Autumn Rally	
£4,050.00	Contributions towards Books, etc	
	Conference Meeting	
<u>£3.16</u>	Bank Interest	<u>£3.27 /</u>
£5,355.04	Income for the year 2021	£1,574.66 /
<u>£5,860.58</u>		<u>£4,772.12 /</u>
	Expenditure	
£235.00	Spring Rally	£415.00 /
	MET Magazines (Note 1)	£604.55 /
£342.00	Website	£426.00 /
£121.00	Postage	
	Printing re Headway Breakfast	
£145.00	Conference Rally	£85.00 /
	Autumn Rally	
£1,789.82	Books and Postage	£554.99 /
<u>£30.30</u>	Bank Fees	<u>£40.92 /</u>
£2,663.12	Expenditure for the year 2021	£2,126.46
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Note 1

MET Magazine payments are all up to date

Note 2

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Treasurer: Andrew Boucher

Andrew Boucher

Date 02-Feb-23

Auditor: Henry Wilson

Henry Wilson

Date 13th March 2023

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Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting

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PRESENT: Revs David Clements (Chair) Andrew Boucher, Ken Bradley, Billy Davison, Philip Gallagher, Ken Lindsay, Ken Robinson (Secretary), Ken Todd, Ken Wilson, Mrs. Lindsay Gibson, Beulah Robinson, Misses Rhoda Baxter, Heather Boland, Messrs Edwin Coalter and Ed Tate.

David welcomed all and then read from Psalm 1. He spoke on the word, “blessed” and said those who are blessed are people who are content in God and find their fulfillment in God. They are not fulfilled by the world. Some want to fit in and compromise but the world is wicked. As Christians we have repented and are no longer in step with the world. Rather we delight in the law of the Lord.

David quoted the late Dr Billy Graham who said: God said, I believe, the matter is settled.

On the matter of sexual morality he said the Bible is clear. God’s word never changes. Those who live according to God’s word are fruitful. David asked what fruit is grown within the Methodist Church in Ireland. He also asked what treasure we can take to Heaven. His answer was: 1) The fruit of soul winning, e.g. prayer, tithing, witnessing and 2) our Christian character.

David then led the gathering in prayer.

APOLOGIES. These were received from Stephen and Hazel Baird, Brian Fletcher, Andrew Gibson, Lee Glenny, Jennifer Hartley Jim Rea, Tommy Stevenson, Robert Wallace and Tom Wilson.

SYMPATHIES. Letters had been sent to the President, Billy Davison, Aian Ferguson, and would be sent to Patricia Lindsay on the death of her sister.

GREETINGS. Letters were to be sent to Lee Glenny and Robert Wallace wishing them well in their health issues, the students leaving Edgehill, the ordinands and the incoming President.

MINUTES OF THE 2021 AGM. These were approved and signed.

MATTERS ARISING. Heather Boland spoke about the book initiative and how every minister within MCI had received a copy. David shared with the meeting about the working party which had completed their work on questions and answers that were available on the Headway Ireland website, but said the work was ongoing. Referring to the Faith and Order Report due to come to Conference it was stated that these

questions and answers should be shared with the connexion as they respond to the report's questions.

SECRETARYS'S REPORT. Agreed.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Accepted.

CONFERENCE EVENT. David shared that since the Conference strap line was living wholeheartedly the title of the Headway Conference meeting would be wholeheartedly committed to:

The Scriptures (Heather Boland),
The Gospel (David Clements),
The Church (Ken Robinson), and
The Lord (Hazel Loney).

Each person would speak for 5 minutes and then each would lead 10 minutes of prayer. All would be on zoom.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. All were reelected.

OTHER BUSINESS. Ken Robinson spoke about the need to take Headway out into the connexion. Heather said we were in a battle for hearts and minds. There was broad support for this and it was agreed that at the next executive meeting plans would be drawn up to further this.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING. Thursday 29th September 2022 at 10am.

REVIEW OF CONFERENCE AGENDA. Lindsay Gibson shared with the meeting her experience as a leader at Soul Mates. One of the female leaders had come out the previous November and her girl friend was also a leader. Lindsay had spoken to Gillian Gilmore and to Heather Morris and had enquired had there been a change in policy. Heather replied that she had taken the decision to let this lady serve rather than lead but Lindsay countered by saying in the eyes of the young people attending Soul Mates there was no difference. She also asked can she with confidence attend any future IMYC events or will this policy continue?

After discussion David then introduced the Faith and Order report to be brought to Conference 2022. He read out sections of the report and it was noted that when the report referred to the as yet unseen paper on Human Sexuality, it said, "*Whilst reaffirming the Methodist Church's historic position; acknowledges that faithful Christians rooted in Scripture might validly hold different views on human sexuality.*" It was agreed that the word validly should not have been inserted in the report because Headway Ireland members could not agree with this statement.

The discussion noted the possibility of a split within MCI or of evangelical members drifting away and the church becoming so weakened it would never recover. Questions were asked: had the committee adhered to the terms of reference and if so, what is the report from the world church and their attitude to Human Sexuality. Does MCI believe in absolute truth? Is the membership of the Faith and Order Committee a fair representation of the theological spectrum within MCI? Is the committee an honest broker that can proceed with this?

The reference in the report to the 2011 Pastoral Guidelines was a misquote because they do not say what the report alleges. Membership in the MCI is open to all irrespective of sexual orientation but the guidelines do not say sexuality is not a barrier to membership.

There was a great deal of unease within the meeting because of the report. David said that within the following few days he would E mail various members of Conference with a view to agreeing a response to the report.

The meeting ended with a time of prayer and the grace being said by all.

Secretary's Report

As the 2023 Conference of the Methodist Church in Ireland approaches, it appears there is an increasing unease within the connexion as to the direction of travel by the Methodist Church in Ireland. Headway Ireland has sought to stand for Biblical truth and in the year since the last AGM has presented our views consistently through letter, conversation, and Methodist Newsletter articles.

Much of the year has been taken up with the ongoing debate within the church on the subject of human sexuality. Our Spring Gathering was addressed in person by the Rev Dr David Hull from Bristol. He is the chair of Methodist Evangelicals Together and we were wonderfully enriched and enlightened by his address. At the end of the night, copies of his publication, *The Runaway Train* were distributed free of charge to any who wanted them. In it he traces the steps taken by successive conferences of the Methodist Church in GB leading eventually to their decision to authorise and permit same sex relationships within the membership of that church. David's ministry and his book serve as a warning to the Methodist Church in Ireland.

During the year the chair of Headway Ireland, the Rev Dr David Clements visited Ballynanny Church and spoke about the debate within Methodism. This Headway District event was well attended by representatives from as far away as Enniskillen and was a good evening as well as positive publicity for Headway. It is our hope that more District events can take place.

Headway Ireland has responded during the year to the Faith and Order Committee. A letter was sent to them about the 3 Bible Studies on Christian Unity which the committee published at Christmas when they invited circuits to use these studies. While agreeing with the need to preserve Christian Unity the letter from Headway shared our disappointment that the subject of Unity was used as a cover to argue for same sex relationships and at the lack of Biblical references to justify the arguments presented in these studies.

Members of Headway attended the Encounter gatherings held in Dublin, Cork and Fivemiletown and online. Those who did availed of the opportunity to share in the feedback that had been requested. The Faith and Order committee were left in no doubt that individual members were not happy with the format and content of these Encounter meetings.

The need for prayer is evident. Headway Ireland prayer meetings have been held throughout the year and we are grateful to God for His presence and guidance. While attendance at these zoom prayer meetings has been encouraging it is such a blessing to see more of our members participating and we hope in the year ahead, that you will be able to join us. Remember the old saying: Much prayer, much blessing, little prayer,

little blessing, no prayer, no blessing. As our church faces such momentous decisions prayer is vital.

The Headway Ireland Conference meeting will be held on zoom on Tuesday June 6th at 8pm. We are looking forward to hearing from Bishop David McClay when he speaks on the subject of *Sharing Christ in a Broken World*. We hope you will be able to join us. Zoom details are found on the invitation to that meeting sent separately from these details.

In closing, I want to thank you for your membership of Headway Ireland and to our chair Dr David Clements for his leadership. Headway Ireland plays a hugely significant part in the life of our church. Please keep praying and we hope you will be able to join us in Lisburn for our AGM and then on zoom for our Conference meeting.

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- state whether particular matters have come to my attention. Basis of independent examiner's report

He will examine our account as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

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

His role is to state whether any material matters have come to his attention and give him cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. CCNI ARR07 – supporting document 5 August 2016



Andrew Boucher
Treasurer

Independent examiner's statement:

I have completed my examination and have no concerns and I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

The books have been audited and found to be correct



13th March 2023

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