

CASTLEREAGH FELLOWSHIP

Northern Ireland · Charity number 103012

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2015-07-01
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

Purposes: Castlereagh Fellowship exists with the objects of: (1) advancing the Christian faith in accordance with its Statement of Beliefs in such ways and in parts of the United Kingdom or the world as its Trustees from time to time may think fit; (2) relieving sickness and financial hardship and promoting good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit; (3) advancing education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.

What the charity does: The prevention or relief of poverty, The advancement of religion

How the charity works: Overseas aid/famine relief, Religious activities

Who the charity helps: Children (5-13 year olds), Men, Women, Youth (14-25 year olds)

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£129,540	£125,458	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Dr Nigel Robert James Mcilrath		
Miss Lynn Magee		
Miss Maggi Chesney		
Mr Michael James Hlland		
Mr Patric James Kells		

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Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1.4.24	To	31.3.25	
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Give As You Earn	6,217			6,217	6,141
Gift Aid applicable giving	66,663			66,663	40,998
Gift Aid rebate	16,180			16,180	15,187
Special Collections (1)		8,175		8,175	21,965
Offering Box	10,465			10,465	12,435
Direct debit (non-Gift Aid)	13,450			13,450	15,630
Directed Gifts: Relief Projects (2)		2,290		2,290	6,790
CF Appeal	0			0	0
Directed Gifts: Mission (3)		6,100		6,100	800
Directed Gifts: Literature (4)		0		0	1,450
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	112,975	16,565	0	129,540	121,396
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
None	0	0		0	0
A2 Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	112,975	16,565	0	129,540	121,396
A3 Payments					
Pastoral services	37,210			37,210	35,720
Accommodation & Utilities	5,944			5,944	5,741
Speakers	675			675	1,175
Materials & Labour	8,220			8,220	17,114
Mission & Advocacy	47,473			47,473	37,897
Mission - Directed Gifts		7,325		7,325	800
Insurance	888			888	848
Miscellaneous	400			400	802
Relief Projects		6,450		6,450	5,300
Special Collections		9,275		9,275	10,060
Literature - Directed Gifts		0		0	1,813
Travel	0			0	0
Literature	250			250	500
Fees	1,263			1,263	1,233
A3 Sub total	102,323	23,050	0	125,373	119,003
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Furnishings				0	787
Equipment	85			85	4,024
A4 Sub total	85	0	0	85	4,811
Total payments	102,408	23,050	0	125,458	123,814
Surplus/(deficit)	10,567	-6,485	0	4,082	-2,418
A5 Transfers between funds	-6,485	6,485			
A6 Cash funds last year end	67,777	0	0	67,777	67,777
Cash funds this year end	71,859	0	0	71,859	67,777

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank 31.3.24	67,777	0	0	67,777	
	Surplus (deficit)	10,567	-6,485	0	4,082	
	Transfers between funds	-6,485	6,485	0		
	Total cash funds	71,859	0	0	71,859	67,777
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

Cash at Bank 31.3.25	71,859	0	0	71,859	67,777
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Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
Bank and cash balances	Bank Deposit Account				0	0
	Bank current account				71,859	67,777
	Cash in hand				0	0
	Total cash funds				71,859	67,777

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift Aid receivable on donations at year end	16,666	3,125	0	19,791	16,180
	Total				19,791	16,180

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets	None		0	0	0
	Total		0	0	0

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Building			300,000	300,000
	Drum equipment			250	250
	Laptop			300	300
	Photocopier			200	200
	Chairs & Tables			5,000	5,500
	Data Projectors & Screens			7,000	8,000
	Sound System & Accessories			3,000	3,000
	Fridge & Fridge Freezers			600	650
	Microwave			50	50
	Healers			450	500
	Lectern			100	100
	Water Boiler/Kettles			100	100
	Filing Cabinet			200	200
	Keyboard			50	50
	Toasters			50	50
	Screens			300	400
	Total		0	317,650	319,350

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities	Roof repair	Unrestricted		1,500	
	Pledged support for Mihia	Unrestricted		6,000	0
	Total			7,500	0

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

M. McIlrath
Patric Kells

Nigel McIlrath
Patric Kells

2.9.25
2.9.25

Notes

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A1 Receipts					
Give As You Earn	6,141	0	0	6,141	6,092
Gift Aid applicable giving	40,998	0	0	40,998	42,875
Gift Aid rebate	15,187	0	0	15,187	15,449
Special Collections (1)	13,265	8,700	0	21,965	11,945
Offering Box	12,435	0	0	12,435	6,692
Direct debit (non-Gift Aid)	15,630	0	0	15,630	13,810
Directed Gifts: Relief Projects (2)	0	6,790	0	6,790	6,300
Directed Gifts: Mission (3)	0	800	0	800	2,500
Directed Gifts: Literature (4)	0	1,450	0	1,450	2,375
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	103,656	17,740	0	121,397	108,038
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
None	0	0	0	0	0
A2 Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	103,656	17,740	0	121,396	108,038
A3 Payments					
Pastoral services	35,720	0	0	35,720	33,020
Accommodation & Utilities	5,741	0	0	5,741	7,255
Speakers	1,175	0	0	1,175	1,050
Materials & Labour	17,114	0	0	17,114	11,137
Mission & Advocacy	37,897	0	0	37,897	32,700
Mission - Directed Gifts	0	800	0	800	3,000
Insurance	848	0	0	848	597
Miscellaneous	802	0	0	802	1,300
Relief Projects	0	5,300	0	5,300	10,677
Special Collections	0	10,060	0	10,060	9,773
Literature - Directed Gifts	0	1,813	0	1,813	2,588
Fees	1,233	0	0	1,233	1,047
Literature	500	0	0	500	2,922
Travel	0	0	0	0	0
A3 Sub total	101,030	17,973	0	119,003	117,066
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Equipment	4,024	0	0	4,024	78
Furnishings	787	0	0	787	0
A4 Sub total	4,811	0	0	4,811	78
Total payments	105,841	17,973	0	123,814	117,144
Surplus/(deficit)	-2,185	-233	0	-2,418	-9,106
A5 Transfers between funds	-233	233			
A6 Cash funds last year end	70,195	0	0	70,195	70,195
Cash funds this year end	67,777	0	0	67,777	70,195

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank 31.3.23	70,195	0	0	70,195	79,301
	Surplus (deficit)	-2,185	-233	0	-2,418	-9,106
	Transfers between funds	-233	233	0		
	Total cash funds	67,777	0	0	67,777	70,195
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

Cash at Bank 31.3.24	67,777	0	0	67,777	70,195
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Bank and cash balances	Bank Deposit Account				0	0
	Bank current account				67,777	70,195
	Cash in hand				0	0
	Total cash funds				67,777	70,195

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B2 Other monetary assets	Gift Aid receivable on donations at year end	12,752	3,428	0	16,180	15,186
				Total	16,180	15,186

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets	None		0	0	0
		Total	0	0	0

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Building			300,000	285,000
	Drum equipment			250	300
	Laptop			300	300
	Photocopier			200	200
	Chairs & Tables			5,500	6,000
	Data Projectors & Screens			8,000	8,000
	Sound System & Accessories			3,000	2,500
	Fridge & Fridge Freezers			650	700
	Microwave			50	70
	Heaters			500	600
	Lectern			100	100
	Water Boiler/Kettles			100	100
	Filing Cabinet			200	100
	Keyboard			50	50
	Toasters			50	50
	Screens			400	250
		Total		0	319,350

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities	Pledged gift to Claremorris Building Fund	Unrestricted	April	10,000	0
	Pledged gift to relief work in Lebanon	Restricted	May	1,500	0
	Total			11,500	0

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

Print Name

Date of approval

Nigel McIlrath
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1.9.24
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Annual report

CASTLEREAGH FELLOWSHIP TRUSTEES' REPORT 2023-2024

The following report covers the period 1/4/23 to 31/3/24.

CHARITY DETAILS

Castlereagh Fellowship is an independent Christian church. While its origin is dated back to October 1993, it was reconstituted in April 2015 and it has been registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland since 1/7/15.

Castlereagh Fellowship's Charity Registration Number is 103012.

Castlereagh Fellowship's public address is:

206 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6QD

Castlereagh Fellowship has an official membership of 67 adults. There is another small number of adults who attend our meetings on an occasional basis. We also have around 20 juniors in regular attendance on a Sunday morning.

GOVERNANCE

Castlereagh Fellowship is a Charitable Trust which operates under the governing principles of its Trust Deed as dated 26/4/15. Castlereagh Fellowship operates with five Trustees: Dr Nigel McIlrath, Mr Patric Kells, Miss Maggi Chesney, Miss Lynn Magee, and Mr Michael Hulland (the latter is currently working overseas). The Trustees assume responsibility for the overall administration of Castlereagh Fellowship, including compliance with legal requirements and sound financial practice. They are appointed by the Elders of Castlereagh Fellowship and agree to operate under their direction in matters of a spiritual nature. The current Trustees include two of the three Elders of Castlereagh Fellowship and together they exercise a duty of care to its members. During the period covered by this report, the Trustees held regular meetings as stipulated by the Fellowship's Trust Deed, minutes of which were kept and circulated by the Chair.

During the past year, Castlereagh Fellowship has introduced a more formalised membership and, as aforementioned, 67 persons have now signed the Membership Register. Castlereagh Fellowship's Annual General Meeting was held in June 2023 and was well-attended by its membership.

The website www.castlereaghfellowship.com provides information on the leadership and operation of Castlereagh Fellowship.

PURPOSES

The purposes of Castlereagh Fellowship are set out in its Trust Deed as follows:

1. "To advance the Christian faith in accordance with Castlereagh Fellowship's Statement of Belief in such ways and in such parts of the UK and the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit."
2. "To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the UK or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit."
3. "To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the UK or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit."

SPHERE OF OPERATION

Castlereagh Fellowship is based in East Belfast, Northern Ireland. As of June 11th 2018, Castlereagh Fellowship has owned its own premises based in East Belfast at 206 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6QD. Prior to this development, the Fellowship used hired premises, namely Greenway Women's Centre and Cregagh Community Centre for its corporate meetings. The Fellowship still draws members from the Cregagh District of East Belfast, alongside others from the Braniel estate and as far away as Dromore and Listooder in County Down. As a consequence of its financial and practical support, it has an impact beyond the UK, affecting persons in several overseas countries.

BENEFICIARIES

The intended beneficiaries of Castlereagh Fellowship consist of the following groups:

1. The members of Castlereagh Fellowship where the goal is to nourish individuals in the development of their Christian faith and practice.
2. The local community in terms of being presented with the claims of the Christian faith and support by way of pastoral and practical assistance.
3. Children in the local area and in local schools in terms of learning the basics of the Christian faith in respect of its beliefs and morals.
4. Christian missionaries and mission organisations seeking to bring the Christian message to people whether domestically or overseas.
5. Christians in countries around the world where they are the victims of persecution for their beliefs and practices.
6. People in other countries who are the victims of natural and humanitarian disasters such as famine or war.

FINANCIAL POSITION

Castlereagh Fellowship's income for the 2023-2024 financial year was £121,396. This constituted an increase of 12.4% on the previous year. Of this sum, £64,718 (or 53%) qualified for Gift Aid. What is particularly pleasing is that members and supporters gave almost £30,000 for mission or humanitarian purposes (in Special Collections or Directed Gifts). This reflects the continued "outward focus" which has been hard-wired into Castlereagh Fellowship's culture.

Castlereagh Fellowship's expenditure for the 2023-2024 financial year was £123,814, an increase of 5.7% on the previous year. The Trustees derive great pleasure from the fact that Castlereagh Fellowship was able to allocate close to £39,000 to Mission & Advocacy, and a further £5,300 for Relief Projects and over 10,000 in respect of the aforementioned Special Collections. Together with spending on missionary-orientated Literature of over £2,300, this adds up to £56,370 or 46% of the Fellowship's overall expenditure. Whilst this is down on last year, we have committed to releasing a further total of £11,500 in April-May (see later), which would take the proportion to a more comparable 50%. This is again a testament to members' concern to both disseminate the Christian Gospel and help alleviate material suffering in our world.

Castlereagh Fellowship's ran an overall deficit for the 2023-2024 financial year of £2,418. There was a deficit in Restricted Funds of £233 which was financed by a transfer of this amount from Unrestricted Funds so as to keep our Restricted Funds balance at zero. Prior to this transfer, there was a deficit of £2,185 in Unrestricted Funds, and the combined deficit of £2,418 was financed by running down the Fellowship's bank reserves by this amount, meaning that our bank balance now stands at £67,777. The Fellowship is now due a Gift Aid Rebate of £16,180. Thus we continue to occupy a very healthy financial position. Over the course of the incoming year, we expect to further reduce our bank balance as the Trustees have no wish for the Fellowship to sit on "excess" funds and as we seek to support more missionary and relief situations as they arise.

The value of Castlereagh Fellowship's monetary and physical assets as at 31/3/23 (including the pending Gift Aid rebate based upon the past year's donations) is estimated by the Trustees to be around £403,000, with £300,000 of this constituting our estimate of the current value of our premises.

Castlereagh Fellowship possesses current liabilities of £11,500, this consisting of pledged gifts to Claremorris Christian Fellowship's building fund (£10,000), and to humanitarian relief in Lebanon (£1,500).

Castlereagh Fellowship has no other debts.

The Trustees are given financial updates by the Treasurer of Castlereagh Fellowship at their quarterly meetings. In addition, the Treasurer prepares a financial summary for the Elders' monthly meetings. A Financial Report is submitted for approval by members at the Fellowship's Annual General Meeting.

The Trustees have sought to ensure that Castlereagh Fellowship has complied with its legal obligations regarding financial practice through the independent examination of its accounts.

A summary of Castlereagh Fellowship's Receipts and Payments, and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities, is submitted annually to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

In setting our objectives and planning our objectives for the year, the Trustees considered the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit in an attempt to guarantee that Castlereagh Fellowship's activities have aided the achievement of the Fellowship's purposes and provision of benefit to its intended beneficiaries.

The anticipated public benefit resulting from the activities of Castlereagh Fellowship is three-fold:

1. The advancement of the gospel of Jesus Christ among the general public, resulting in law-abiding and morally responsible lives.
2. The prevention or relief of poverty suffered by people whether locally or internationally by means of financial, material and practical support.
3. The advancement of education among the general public by means of financial and practical support.

ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

In the following section of the report, the Trustees attempt to show how the activities engaged in by Castlereagh Fellowship relate to its 3-fold public benefit goal (as above) in terms of:

Outputs – what Castlereagh Fellowship has done.

Outcomes – what Castlereagh Fellowship has achieved.

Impact – an overall assessment of the difference Castlereagh Fellowship has made.

- OUTPUTS

Regarding the advancement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ among the general public, Castlereagh Fellowship held a weekly Sunday morning worship service in which the Word of God was taught to adults and children alike. We also held a weekly Sunday evening service which consisted of a variety of formats such as mission reports, sharing evenings, and specialist teaching. We invited members of the public and saw some of the local population attend when considering a topical issue like mental health. Many of our talks have been uploaded onto Castlereagh Fellowship's YouTube channel for members of other churches and the general public to view. This includes our Wednesday evening Bible teaching, when we also hold a weekly prayer meeting.

The Fellowship's Adventurers' Bible Club met throughout the year. These meetings have been attended by around 15 children of primary school age plus a couple of pre-teen "helpers"; the children were introduced to Bible stories in a creative and interactive way.

Castlereagh Fellowship's Little Mites Toddlers' Group has met faithfully throughout the year, operating at maximum capacity with around 25 parents/guardians plus kids in attendance. This has continued to prove very popular with the local community.

Castlereagh Fellowship women's Explorers' discipleship class, involving ten-plus women, meets on alternate Tuesday mornings to study the Bible in a conversational manner. In addition, Castlereagh Fellowship's Ladies' Fellowship Group has met on the first Friday of each month, with numbers rising to the high teens in recent months. Castlereagh Fellowship's Men's Work has staged a number of outreach events which are generally well-attended by visitors. A "3:Sixteen" Youth Group has a very committed group of leaders who invest heavily in the small number of those who attend each monthly activity.

During the past year, Castlereagh Fellowship has offered two Pilates classes for members of the public, and this has led to a few women attending other church events like the Christmas Carol Service or Afternoon Tea.

One aspect of Castlereagh Fellowship that has continued to flourish is our Literature Ministry. A new booklet, "Reasons for Hope" has been published, while other booklets have been distributed to our immediate locality and several overseas destinations. We have also engaged in a number of literature drops in the surrounding geographical area, distributing around 5,000 booklets at a time.

Regarding the prevention/relief of poverty, Castlereagh Fellowship gave over £15,000 in humanitarian aid, including work with refugees in Greece, disabled folks in Mozambique, economic hardship in Ukraine, the leprosy mission in Nepal and assistance for persecuted Christians in general. We were also able to provide funds towards a replacement vehicle for Christian pastors in both Serbia and Bosnia. These gifts were funded by a combination of special church collections, individual directed gifts and regular donations to our Relief Fund. We also provided a gift of £10,000, from our mission funds to help equip a new pulmonary unit at Bach Christian Hospital in northern Pakistan, and a further £5,000 gift to a Christian couple who work with Tamil refugees in Germany.

Locally, members of Castlereagh Fellowship were involved in the distribution of Christmas gifts to the families of incarcerated persons across the religious divide through the Prison Fellowship.

Regarding the advancement of education, Castlereagh Fellowship's weekly Junior and Senior Bible classes and Kids' Club contribute to literacy. Castlereagh Fellowship helped deliver the Baptist Union's Amazing Journey to a local primary school (which contributes to the Religious Studies element of the primary school curriculum). Castlereagh Fellowship also gave financial support to the work of Bible Educational Services and to the Opal Trust.

- OUTCOMES

Regarding the advancement of the Gospel of Jesus Christ among the general public, our services have been well attended, with numbers of regular attendees definitely rising in the past year. All but one of our previous attendees has resumed attendance post-Covid. It is pleasing to observe that the number of subscribers to our website has swollen to over 250, whilst we have a similar number of followers on Facebook. Castlereagh Fellowship's literature has been translated into various languages and exported to many countries and is much appreciated by organisations such as Every Home Crusade and Opal Trust and by individual missionaries and evangelists. The weekly Sunday morning "Mission Focus" has kept Castlereagh Fellowship members abreast of various missionary situations and needs. Missionaries and mission organisations that have benefited from Castlereagh Fellowship's financial and prayerful support have sent letters of acknowledgement and

appreciation. Castlereagh Fellowship now supports 14 core missions, missionary families or advocacy organisations; we are committed to financial support of a combined total of £8,400 per annum. In addition, we gave a one-off gift of £10,000 (Bach Christian Hospital) and two of £5,000 (refugee work in Germany and Opal Trust) in special projects in the past year. A commitment to world mission is part of the DNA of Castlereagh Fellowship. Indeed, as already mentioned, Castlereagh Fellowship spent over £38,000 in the support of mission and advocacy alone during the past financial year.

Members of Castlereagh Fellowship enjoy a good reputation in the community, being seen as responsible citizens and reliable partners. We have maintained good relations with our immediate neighbours. We have sought to be responsible with regards to car parking and paid for the re-painting of car parking lines at the local solicitors' car park (which is kindly loaned to Castlereagh Fellowship for use on a Sunday and Wednesday evening).

In respect of the prevention/relief of poverty, Castlereagh Fellowship has seen its members develop their sense of commitment to people who are enduring genuine hardship. As a result of special collections and directed gifts via our "Relief Projects" Fund, Castlereagh Fellowship was able to give considerable sums to people living in situations of hardship. Giving has continued to transcend narrow national or racial grounds. Castlereagh Fellowship has continued to be outward-focused rather than consumed with our own concerns. Our remit is to respond to situations of need borne out of Jesus Christ's command to love all people, irrespective of their background.

In respect of the advancement of education, whilst there is a limit to how much we can reasonably be expected to deliver, Castlereagh Fellowship has made a meaningful contribution to children's education through its weekly Junior and Senior Bible classes, Adventurers Bible Club, and some financial giving.

- IMPACT

It is the Trustees' opinion that Castlereagh Fellowship has continued to make a significant positive impact in terms of public benefit over the period in question. There is no doubt that members have been supported in their Christian faith and many people have been presented with the claims of Jesus Christ. Our online presence has been consolidated, while our Literature ministry has continued to blossom.

The Trustees have been delighted at how the Fellowship has continued to ensure that all members were looked out for, with the Pastoral Care Team deserving of special mention for their vigilance in monitoring and intervening in situations of members' need. It is the regular practice for expressions of care and love to be made at times of ill health or bereavement, plus at special times of the year such as Christmas and Easter.

It is also gratifying to report that we have been able to devote significant resources to mission work and the relief of poverty. Such an awareness of and practical concern for the needs of others – especially in countries less wealthy than our own – is part of the warp and woof of Castlereagh Fellowship, and it is the Trustees' judgment that this has been maintained over the past year as reflected by our spending in these sectors.

The Trustees have acted to ensure that fire prevention, child safeguarding, health and safety, and food hygiene policies are in place. In November 2023 we held a special day of training for all those leaders involved with teaching or supervising children, whilst in March 2024 we held a special meeting between leaders of our "3:Sixteen" Youth Work and our insurance broker to ensure legal compliance and good practice is observed with respect to Consent Forms for outings etc. We are also engaged in updating our practice regarding Risk Assessments for both normal and special activities.

It is very pleasing to report that Castlereagh Fellowship's implementation of a more formalised membership has been completed whilst preserving the essential unity of the organisation.

It thus continues to be the opinion of the Trustees that Castlereagh Fellowship is fulfilling its remit in terms of public benefit. Castlereagh Fellowship is relatively small in number but its members tend to be very active and committed Christians who possess a healthy interest in serving others in line with the injunctions of their faith.

MITIGATION OF HARM

Castlereagh Fellowship's Child Safeguarding Officer keeps the Trustees informed of any legal developments affecting the Fellowship's operation in terms of children's welfare. Checks are carried out with Access NI to ensure that members who work with children are not considered as posing a risk. The Trustees are not aware of any other potential harm from Castlereagh Fellowship's activities.

DATA PROTECTION

In accordance with legal requirements and good practice, personal details are kept secure and used for their specified purposes.

PRIVATE BENEFIT

Castlereagh Fellowship has given a regular monthly payment to Mr Geoffrey McIlrath. This is in return for various services which are deemed essential to the effective functioning of the Fellowship and to the accomplishment of its public benefit obligations. This payment is determined by the Trustees and can be changed or stopped at the Trustees' discretion. The Trustees wish to place on record our appreciation of Mr Geoffrey McIlrath's services during the past year.

This report was agreed at a meeting of the Trustees on

1.9.24

SIGNED:

N. McIlrath

Patricia Kelly

M.M. Chesney

G. Murray

CASTLEREAGH FELLOWSHIP

Northern Ireland - Charity number 103012

Annual return

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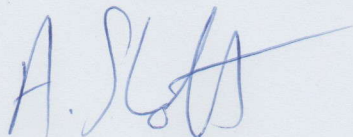
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Date:

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Accounts

Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	1.4.22	To	31.3.23	
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Give As You Earn	6,092	0	0	6,092	5,908
Gift Aid applicable giving	42,875	0	0	42,875	42,362
Gift Aid rebate	15,449	0	0	15,449	22,029
Special Collections (1)	4,000	7,945	0	11,945	17,525
Offering Box	6,692	0	0	6,692	7,922
Direct debit (non-Gift Aid)	13,810	0	0	13,810	12,053
Directed Gifts: Relief Projects (2)	0	6,300	0	6,300	7,300
Directed Gifts: Mission (3)	0	2,500	0	2,500	0
Directed Gifts: Literature (4)	0	2,375	0	2,375	3,465
A1 Sub total (Gross income for the Annual Return)	88,918	19,120	0	108,038	118,564
A2 Asset and investment sales (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance).					
None	0	0	0	0	0
A2 Sub total	0	0	0	0	0
Total receipts	88,918	19,120	0	108,038	118,564
A3 Payments					
Pastoral services	33,020	0	0	33,020	29,950
Accommodation & Utilities	7,255	0	0	7,255	5,585
Speakers	1,050	0	0	1,050	400
Materials & Labour	11,137	0	0	11,137	7,919
Mission & Advocacy	32,700	0	0	32,700	38,268
Mission - Directed Gifts	0	3,000	0	3,000	0
Insurance	597	0	0	597	567
Miscellaneous	1,300	0	0	1,300	1,525
Relief Projects	0	10,677	0	10,677	10,400
Special Collections	0	9,773	0	9,773	18,430
Literature - Directed Gifts	0	2,588	0	2,588	4,303
Fees	1,047	0	0	1,047	1,000
Literature	2,922	0	0	2,922	1,000
Travel	0	0	0	0	0
A3 Sub total	91,028	26,038	0	117,066	119,347
A4 Asset and investment purchases (see tables 1 and 2 in section 7 of the guidance)					
Equipment	78	0	0	78	1,422
Furnishings	0	0	0	0	0
A4 Sub total	78	0	0	78	1,422
Total payments	91,106	26,038	0	117,144	120,769
Surplus/(deficit)	-2,188	-6,918	0	-9,106	-2,205
A5 Transfers between funds	-6,918	6,918			
A6 Cash funds last year end	79,301	0	0	79,301	81,506
Cash funds this year end	70,195	0	0	70,195	79,301

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £	Total funds to nearest £	Last year to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at Bank 31.3.22	79,301	0	0	79,301	81,506
	Surplus (deficit)	-2,188	-6,918	0	-9,106	-2,205
	Transfers between funds	-6,918	6,918	0	0	0
	Total cash funds	70,195	0	0	70,195	79,301
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK	OK	OK

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Bank and cash balances	Bank Deposit Account				0	0
	Bank current account				70,195	79,301
	Cash in Hand				0	0
	Total cash funds				70,195	79,301

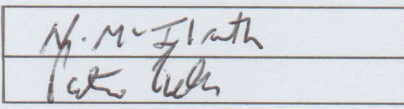
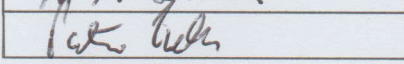
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B2 Other monetary assets	Gift Aid receivable on donations at year end	10,719	4,467	0	15,186	15,449
	Total				15,186	15,449

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B3 Investment assets	None		0	0	0
	Total		0	0	0

Categories	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Building			285,000	285,000
	Drum equipment			300	400
	Laptop			300	400
	Photocopier			200	250
	Chairs & Tables			6,000	6,500
	Data Projectors & Screens			8,000	8,000
	Sound System & Accessories			2,500	2,500
	Fridge & Fridge Freezers			700	700
	Microwave			70	75
	Heaters			600	600
	Lectern			100	100
	Water Boiler/Kettles			100	100
	Filing Cabinet			100	100
	Keyboard			50	50
	Toasters			50	50
	Screens			250	300
	Total		0	304,320	305,125

Categories	Details	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
B5 Liabilities					
	Total				0

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Nigel McIlrath	30.6.23
	Patric Kells	30.6.23

Notes

- 1** Monies to be used for aid of persecuted Christians and humanitarian projects.
- 2** Directed gifts for relief projects.
- 3** Gifts from individuals directed to a specific missionary context.
- 4** Gifts from individuals directed to support of CF literature projects.

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CASTLEREAGH FELLOWSHIP TRUSTEES' REPORT 2022-2023

The following report covers the period 1/4/22 to 31/3/23.

CHARITY DETAILS

Castlereagh Fellowship is an independent Christian church. While its origin is dated back to October 1993, it was reconstituted in April 2015 and it has been registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland since 1/7/15.

Castlereagh Fellowship's Charity Registration Number is 103012.

Castlereagh Fellowship's public address is:

206 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6QD

Castlereagh Fellowship has a membership of around 75 adults, plus approximately 20 juniors in regular attendance.

GOVERNANCE

Castlereagh Fellowship is a Charitable Trust which operates under the governing principles of its Trust Deed as dated 26/4/15. Castlereagh Fellowship operates with five Trustees: Dr Nigel McIlrath, Mr Patric Kells, Miss Maggi Chesney, Miss Lynn Magee, and Mr Michael Hulland (the latter is currently working overseas). The Trustees assume responsibility for the overall administration of Castlereagh Fellowship, including compliance with legal requirements and sound financial practice. They are appointed by the Elders of Castlereagh Fellowship and agree to operate under their direction in matters of a spiritual nature. The current Trustees include two of the three Elders of Castlereagh Fellowship and together they exercise a duty of care to its members. During the period covered by this report, the Trustees held regular meetings as stipulated by the Fellowship's Trust Deed, minutes of which were kept and circulated by the Chair. Castlereagh Fellowship's Annual General Meeting was held in June 2022 and was well-attended by its membership.

The website www.castlereaghfellowship.com provides information on the leadership and operation of Castlereagh Fellowship.

PURPOSES

The purposes of Castlereagh Fellowship are set out in its Trust Deed as follows:

1. "To advance the Christian faith in accordance with Castlereagh Fellowship's Statement of Belief in such ways and in such parts of the UK and the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit."
2. "To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the UK or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit."
3. "To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the UK or the world as the Trustees from time to time may think fit."

SPHERE OF OPERATION

Castlereagh Fellowship is based in East Belfast, Northern Ireland. As of June 11th 2018, Castlereagh Fellowship has owned its own premises based in East Belfast at 206 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6QD. Prior to this development, the Fellowship used hired premises, namely Greenway Women's Centre and Cregagh Community Centre for its corporate meetings. The Fellowship still draws members from the Cregagh District of East Belfast, alongside others from the Braniel estate and from as far away as Bangor, Dromore and Listooder in County Down. As a consequence of its financial and practical support, it has an impact beyond the UK, affecting persons in several overseas countries.

BENEFICIARIES

The intended beneficiaries of Castlereagh Fellowship consist of the following groups:

1. The members of Castlereagh Fellowship where the goal is to nourish individuals in the development of their Christian faith and practice.
2. The local community in terms of being presented with the claims of the Christian faith and support by way of pastoral and practical assistance.
3. Children in the local area and in local schools in terms of learning the basics of the Christian faith in respect of its beliefs and morals.
4. Christian missionaries and mission organisations seeking to bring the Christian message to people whether domestically or overseas.
5. Christians in countries around the world where they are the victims of persecution for their beliefs and practices.
6. People in other countries who are the victims of natural and humanitarian disasters such as famine or war.

FINANCIAL POSITION

Castlereagh Fellowship's income for the 2022-2023 financial year was £108,038. This constituted a reduction of 8.9% on the previous year but still represented a considerable sum for a relatively small membership. Of this sum, £60,745 (or 56%) qualified for Gift Aid. What is particularly pleasing is that members and supporters gave over £14,000 for humanitarian purposes (including for persecuted Christians and the victims of both floods in Pakistan and the earthquake in Turkey and Syria). This reflects the continued "outward focus" which has been hard-wired into Castlereagh Fellowship's culture.

Castlereagh Fellowship's expenditure for the 2022-2022 financial year was £117,144, a decrease of 3.0% on the previous year. The Trustees derive great pleasure from the fact that Castlereagh Fellowship was able to allocate £35,700 to Mission & Advocacy, and a further £10,677 for Relief Projects and £9,773 in respect of the aforementioned Special Collections. Together with spending on mission-orientated Literature of £5,510, this adds up to £61,660 or 52.6% of the Fellowship's overall expenditure. Whilst this is down from a record high of almost 60% in 2021-2022, it is the second highest percentage total in Castlereagh Fellowship's history, and again is testament to members' concern both to share the Christian Gospel and to help alleviate material suffering in our world.

Castlereagh Fellowship's ran an overall deficit for the 2022-2023 financial year of £9,106. There was a deficit in Restricted Funds of £6,918 which was financed by a transfer of this amount from Unrestricted Funds so as to keep our Restricted Funds balance at zero. Prior to this transfer, there was a deficit of £2,108 in Unrestricted Funds, and the combined deficit of £9,106 was financed by running down the Fellowship's bank reserves by

this amount, meaning that our bank balance now stands at £70,195. The Fellowship is now due a Gift Aid Rebate of £15,186. Thus we continue to occupy a very healthy financial position. Over the course of the incoming year, we expect to reduce our bank balance as the Trustees have no wish for the Fellowship to sit on "excess" funds and as we seek to support more missionary and relief situations as they arise.

The value of Castlereagh Fellowship's monetary and physical assets as at 31/3/23 (including the pending Gift Aid rebate based upon the past year's donations) is estimated by the Trustees to be around £390,000, with £285,000 of this constituting our estimate of the current value of our premises.

Castlereagh Fellowship possesses neither any current liabilities nor any debts outstanding.

The Trustees are given financial updates by the Treasurer of Castlereagh Fellowship at their quarterly meetings. In addition, the Treasurer prepares a financial summary for the Elders' monthly meetings. A Financial Report is submitted for approval by members at the Fellowship's Annual General Meeting.

The Trustees have sought to ensure that Castlereagh Fellowship has complied with its legal obligations regarding financial practice through the independent examination of its accounts.

A summary of Castlereagh Fellowship's Receipts and Payments, and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities, is submitted annually to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

PUBLIC BENEFIT

In setting our objectives and planning our objectives for the year, the Trustees considered the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's guidance on public benefit in an attempt to guarantee that Castlereagh Fellowship's activities have aided the achievement of the Fellowship's purposes and provision of benefit to its intended beneficiaries.

The anticipated public benefit resulting from the activities of Castlereagh Fellowship is three-fold:

1. The advancement of the gospel of Jesus Christ among the general public, resulting in lives lived in a law-abiding and morally responsible manner.
2. The prevention or relief of poverty suffered by people whether locally or internationally by means of financial, material and practical support.
3. The advancement of education among the general public by means of financial and practical support.

ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT

In the following section of the report, the Trustees attempt to show how the activities engaged in by Castlereagh Fellowship relate to its 3-fold public benefit goal (as above) in terms of:

Outputs – what Castlereagh Fellowship has done.

Outcomes – what Castlereagh Fellowship has achieved.

Impact – an overall assessment of the difference Castlereagh Fellowship has made.

- OUTPUTS

Regarding the advancement of the gospel of Jesus Christ among the general public, Castlereagh Fellowship held a weekly Sunday morning worship service in which the Word of God was taught to adults and children alike. We also held a weekly Sunday evening service which consists of a variety of meetings such as mission reports, sharing evenings, and specialist teaching on contemporary topics. Many of our talks have been uploaded onto Castlereagh Fellowship's YouTube channel for members of other churches and the general public to view. This includes our Wednesday evening Bible teaching, when we also hold a weekly prayer meeting.

The Fellowship's Adventurers' Bible Club met throughout the year. These meetings have been attended by around 12 children of primary school age plus a couple of pre-teen "helpers"; the children were introduced to Bible stories in a creative and interactive way.

Castlereagh Fellowship's Little Mites Toddlers' Group has met faithfully throughout the year, operating at maximum capacity with around 25 parents/guardians plus kids in attendance. This is proving very popular with the local community.

Another ministry of Castlereagh Fellowship which has continued to operate is a women's Explorers' discipleship class. This involves ten-plus women meeting on alternate Tuesday mornings to study the Bible together in a conversational manner. In addition, Castlereagh Fellowship's Ladies' Fellowship Group has met on the first Friday of each month, while the Fellowship's Men's Work has staged a number of outreach events which are always well-attended by visitors.

We were also delighted to host an inaugural Castlereagh Fellowship Missionary Conference in October 2022, to which we invited three mission representatives to join us for a weekend of updates, culminating in a Fellowship lunch on the Sunday. To coincide with this weekend conference, the Fellowship produced a new Mission, Advocacy and Humanitarian Support Guide with details of the many missions/ missionaries and advocacy and relief organisations that the Fellowship supports.

One aspect of Castlereagh Fellowship that has continued to flourish is our Literature Ministry. A new book, "Knowing the Good News" has been published, while other booklets have been distributed to our immediate locality and several overseas destinations.

Regarding the prevention/relief of poverty, Castlereagh Fellowship gave over £20,000 in humanitarian assistance in respect of floods, earthquakes, war, economic hardship and persecution. This has been funded by donations from members to our special Relief Projects Fund plus two special Sunday collections.

Regarding the advancement of education, Castlereagh Fellowship was invited to take an assembly in one of our neighbourhood Primary schools, while our weekly Junior and Senior Bible classes and Kids' Club make a contribution to literacy. Castlereagh Fellowship also has given financial support to the work of Bible Educational Services and to Waakisa (the latter helps with school education in Uganda).

- OUTCOMES

Regarding the advancement of the gospel of Jesus Christ among the general public, our services have been well-attended and it is pleasing to observe that the number of subscribers to our website has swollen to over 210. Castlereagh Fellowship's literature has been translated into various languages and exported to many countries and is much appreciated by organisations such as Every Home Crusade and Opal Trust and by individual missionaries and evangelists. The weekly Sunday morning "Mission Focus" has kept Castlereagh Fellowship members abreast of various missionary situations and needs. Missionaries and mission organisations that have benefited from Castlereagh Fellowship's financial and prayerful support have sent many letters of acknowledgement and appreciation. In the past year, we added two new missionaries to our core missions, missionary families or advocacy organisations; we are committed to financial support of a

combined total of £8,400 per annum. In addition, we have given one-off gifts of £5,000 to two mission organisations in the past year, and £2,500 as the second instalment of a two-year commitment to another. A commitment to world mission is part of the DNA of Castlereagh Fellowship. Indeed, as already mentioned, Castlereagh Fellowship spent close to £36,000 in the support of mission and advocacy during the past financial year.

Members of Castlereagh Fellowship enjoy a good reputation in the community, being seen as responsible citizens and reliable partners. We have maintained good relations with our immediate neighbours with no complaints as to our activities or behaviour.

In respect of the prevention/relief of poverty, Castlereagh Fellowship has seen its members develop their sense of commitment to people who are enduring genuine hardship. As a result of special collections and directed gifts via our "Relief Projects" Fund, Castlereagh Fellowship was able to give considerable sums to people living in situations of hardship. Giving has continued to transcend narrow national or racial grounds. Castlereagh Fellowship has continued to be outward-focused rather than consumed with our own concerns. Our remit is to respond to situations of need borne out of Jesus Christ's command to love all people, irrespective of their background.

In respect of the advancement of education, Castlereagh Fellowship has made some contribution to children's education through financial giving and via its Adventurers' Bible Club and weekly Junior and Senior Bible classes. We have also confirmed dates for re-engaging with the Baptist Union's Amazing Journey programme which will see us return to a local primary school in the autumn of 2023.

- IMPACT

It is the Trustees' opinion that Castlereagh Fellowship has continued to make a significant positive impact in terms of public benefit over the period in question. There is no doubt that members have been supported in their Christian faith and many people have been presented with the claims of Jesus Christ. Our online presence has been consolidated, while our Literature ministry has continued to blossom.

The Trustees have been delighted at how the Fellowship has continued to ensure that all members were looked out for, with the Pastoral Care Team deserving of special mention for their vigilance in monitoring and intervening in situations of members' need.

It is also gratifying to report that we have been able to devote significant resources to mission work and the relief of poverty. Such an awareness of and practical concern for the needs of others – especially in countries less wealthy than our own – is part of the warp and woof of Castlereagh Fellowship, and it is the Trustees' judgment that this has been reinforced over the past year as reflected by our spending in these sectors.

The Trustees have acted to ensure that fire prevention, child safeguarding, health and safety, and food hygiene policies are in place. Our Child Protection Officer has overseen the updating of our Safeguarding Policy. We also held a Training Morning in March 2023 for those involved in catering, to ensure all are up to speed with good food hygiene practice.

The Leadership of Castlereagh Fellowship are currently steering the Fellowship through the process of creating a more formal membership arrangement, with new policy documents (including a fresh Guide to Castlereagh Fellowship) clearly setting out the Fellowship's operations and beliefs. We are of the opinion that this will make the Fellowship more robust and facilitate better succession planning. It has been pleasing to see the continued unity and good spirit in which this process has been conducted.

It thus continues to be the opinion of the Trustees that Castlereagh Fellowship is fulfilling its remit in terms of public benefit. Castlereagh Fellowship is relatively small in number but its members tend to be very active and committed Christians who possess a healthy interest in serving others in line with the injunctions of their faith.

MITIGATION OF HARM

Castlereagh Fellowship's Child Safeguarding Officer keeps the Trustees informed of any legal developments affecting the Fellowship's operation in terms of children's welfare. Checks are carried out with Access NI to ensure that members who work with children are not considered as posing a risk. The Trustees are not aware of any other potential harm from Castlereagh Fellowship's activities.

DATA PROTECTION

In accordance with legal requirements and good practice, all personal details – including financial information – are kept secure, and only used for their specified purposes.

PRIVATE BENEFIT

Castlereagh Fellowship has given a regular monthly payment to Mr Geoffrey McIlrath. This is in return for various services which are deemed as essential for the effective functioning of the Fellowship and to the accomplishment of its public benefit obligations. This payment is determined by the Trustees and can be changed or stopped at the Trustees' discretion. The Trustees wish to place on record our appreciation of Mr Geoffrey McIlrath's services during the past year.

This report was agreed at a meeting of the Trustees on

26/6/23

SIGNED:

N. McIlrath

John Kelly

D. Jones

M. Chesney

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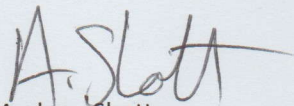
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