

## **Trustees Report**

### **Public Benefit**

The direct benefit that flows from this purpose is the promotion of the Christian faith and increase in access to Christian ministry and public acts of worship which engages individuals in religious practice. The ministry is inclusive and welcoming to all and reaches out and includes those who may not otherwise engaged with organised religion.

Religion is recognised as having the power to transform people's lives on a personal level, and helps provides a moral and ethical framework for people to live by. As such in terms of public benefit it can also play an important part in building a better society.

The Ministry has started its work in interface locations within West Belfast which it feels most needs its ministry. It will also be encouraging its congregation to be involved in other charitable work to the benefit of the wider community, and is reaching out to members of the community who would otherwise not attend a church or take part in organised religion.

By providing opportunities for people from different denominational backgrounds to come together in prayer and fellowship it is also hoped to quietly work to build tolerance and understanding and bring a sense of fellowship between Christians from different denominational and cultural backgrounds, within highly segregated areas of West Belfast.

The Ministry currently provides public acts of Christian worship such as Sunday services and prayer meetings. It holds a Sunday service/ public acts of Worship at a premises on Townsend Street adjacent to an Interface within West Belfast. Its Services and meetings are open to all and all are welcome irrespective of their religious or community background. The Ministry has plans to provide a children's club for school aged children, which will draw its intake largely from deprived areas of Belfast and educate children concerning the Christian faith and Christian values. There is no harm. The charity's beneficiaries currently are the public within Northern Ireland, but potentially as the Ministry grows it will operate elsewhere in the World and benefit the public there also. There is no private benefit to any individual. The Ministry is run by unpaid volunteers who volunteer their time.

When the Ministry grows it may decide to employ a part or full time pastor in future, but there are no immediate plans to do this. If this happens it will be because it is in the best interests of the charity and is necessary to enable the ministry to expand the scope of its charitable activities. Any personal benefit will be incidental and strictly regulated to ensure that at all times the arrangement is necessary and in the interests of the charity.