

# McQuiston Memorial Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104506

## Details

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**Status** Received

**Registered** 2016-08-04

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

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## Activities

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**Purposes:** THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world

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

**How the charity works:** Religious activities

**Who the charity helps:** General public

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£149,005	£148,875	£0	2

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Alan Bousfield		
Anna Johnston		
Eileen Kelso		
Heather Sergeant		
Hilary Hawthorne		
Irene Smyth		
Joan Gardner		
John Shivers		
Ken Sergeant		
Kenneth Robert Galbraith		
Linda Wray		
Norman Maynes		
Paula Mckeown		
Raymond Wray		
Rev Philip Boyd		
Roberta Graham		
Sam Quinn		
Sheila Mcallister		
Stephen Briggs		

**McQuiston Memorial Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

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# Accounts

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**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104506)**

**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>						
Regular Direct Giving	1	87,236	17,792	0	105,028	96,668
Donations and legacies	2	21,553	4,219	0	25,772	7,296
Activities that Generate Income	3	7,220	0	0	7,220	3,355
Investment Income	4	6,012	0	0	6,012	5,182
Other Income Sources	5	4,973	0	0	4,973	14,894
<b>Total Receipts</b>		126,994	22,011	0	149,005	127,395
<b>Payments</b>						
Central Church Assessments	6	(10,408)	0	0	(10,408)	(10,316)
Presbytery Fees	7	(838)	0	0	(838)	(798)
Ministry and Support Staff	8	(64,964)	0	0	(64,964)	(38,761)
Raising Funds	9	(882)	0	0	(882)	(722)
Life and Work	10	(7,281)	(1,057)	0	(8,338)	(10,258)
Governance	11	0	0	0	0	0
Property and Equipment	12	(36,918)	(14,430)	0	(51,348)	(69,891)
Grants to Missions and Charities	13	0	(12,097)	0	(12,097)	(13,078)
<b>Total Payments</b>		(121,291)	(27,584)	0	(148,875)	(143,824)
Net receipts / (payments)		5,703	(5,573)	0	130	(16,429)
Transfers between funds		(1,356)	1,356	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		4,347	(4,217)	0	130	(16,429)
Funds brought forward		50,348	51,556	0	101,904	118,333
Funds carried forward	14	54,695	47,339	0	102,034	101,904

**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**As at 31 December 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at start of year	50,348	51,556	0	101,904	118,333
Net movement in funds	4,347	(4,217)	0	130	(16,429)
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Bank and Cash at end of year	54,695	47,339	0	102,034	101,904
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<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Deposit Accounts				102,034	101,904
Bank Current Accounts (including Cash in Transit)					0
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				102,034	101,904
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<b>Other Assets</b>					
Fixed Assets – Note 15					
- Church Premises including Hall Buildings and Contents				6,957,772	6,626,449
- Church Manse				455,273	433,593
Investments – Note 16					
				198,957	189,975
Church Organisation's Funds - Note 17					
				64,102	60,785
Gift Aid Receivable					
				25,929	20,395
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				7,702,033	7,331,197
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<b>Liabilities - Note 18</b>					
				0	0
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<b>Total net assets</b>					
				7,702,033	7,331,197
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on and signed on its behalf by

Ken Galbraith *KA Galbraith*  
~~23/09/2025~~ 28/10/25

Philip Boyd *Philip Boyd*  
~~23/09/2025~~ 28/10/25

**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**31 December 2024**

**ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the Trustees have elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities (Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

**FUND ACCOUNTING**

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd).**

**31 December 2024**

**1. REGULAR DIRECT GIVING**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving (FWO)	70,499	0	0	70,499	63,629
Loose Collections	1,942	0	0	1,942	740
Gift Aid Received	14,795	0	0	14,795	14,220
United Appeal	0	6,105	0	6,105	6,788
Gift Aid Received on United Appeal	0	1,618	0	1,618	1,723
Building Fund	0	7,499	0	7,499	6,557
Gift Aid Received on Building Fund	0	2,570	0	2,570	3,011
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	87,236	17,792	0	105,028	96,668
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**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Gift Days, Special Collections and Donations	40	1,948	0	1,988	3,361
Gift Aid Received on Occasional Gifts	135	707	0	842	1,604
Gifts in Kind	0	0	0	0	0
Legacies and Bequests	17,240	0	0	17,240	0
Received for Congregational Organisations	0	1,564	0	1,564	0
Donations from Congregational Organisations	1,907	0	0	1,907	0
Harvest	1,661	0	0	1,661	1,935
Gift Aid Received on Harvest	570	0	0	570	396
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	21,553	4,219	0	25,772	7,296
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**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2024**

**3. ACTIVITIES THAT GENERATE INCOME**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Endowment Funds		Total 2024		Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	££
Income from Church Events									0
Sale or Rental of Books etc		232		0		0		232	185
Weddings, Funerals etc		240		0		0		240	0
Music at McQuiston		2,893		0		0		2,893	0
Hall Hire		3,855		0		0		3,855	3,170
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		7,220		0		0		7,220	3,355
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**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Endowment Funds		Total 2024		Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest		1,308		0		0		1,308	1,476
General Investment Fund		4,704		0		0		4,704	3,706
Other Investment Income		0		0		0		0	0
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		6,012		0		0		6,012	5,182
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**5. OTHER INCOME SOURCES**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Endowment Funds		Total 2024		Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Grants Received		0		0		0		0	600
Rental Income		4,973		0		0		4,973	14,027
Miscellaneous Income		0		0		0		0	217
Gift Aid Received on Miscellaneous Income		0		0		0		0	50
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		4,973		0		0		4,973	14,894
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**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2024**

**6. CENTRAL CHURCH ASSESSMENTS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Central Ministry Fund	(3,443)	0	0	(3,443)	(3,280)
Communications Department	(964)	0	0	(964)	0
Widows of Ministers' Fund	(619)	0	0	(619)	(671)
Prolonged Disability Fund	(482)	0	0	(482)	(671)
Incidental Fund	(2,478)	0	0	(2,478)	(2,683)
Ministerial Development Fund	(69)	0	0	(69)	(298)
Assembly Buildings' External Work	(1,238)	0	0	(1,238)	(1,491)
Sick Supply Fund	(14)	0	0	(14)	(30)
Students' Bursary Fund	(1,101)	0	0	(1,101)	(1,192)
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	(10,408)	0	0	(10,408)	(10,316)
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**7. PRESBYTERY FEES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
East Belfast Presbytery Fees	(838)	0	0	(838)	(798)
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	(838)	0	0	(838)	(798)
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**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2024**

**8. MINISTRY AND SUPPORT STAFF**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
Minister's Stipend	(37,275)	0	0	(37,275)	(10,453)
Minister's Allowance / Expenses	(7,036)	0	0	(7,036)	(1,973)
ER NIC on Minister's Allowance	(971)	0	0	(971)	(272)
Minister's Pension Scheme	(8,947)	0	0	(8,947)	(2,509)
Minister's National Insurance	(3,888)	0	0	(3,888)	(1,024)
Apprenticeship Levy	(186)	0	0	(186)	(53)
Summer Assistant	(1,494)	0	0	(1,494)	0
Other Ministry and Support Staff Salary	(5,167)	0	0	(5,167)	(22,418)
Other Ministry and Support Staff Pension	0	0	0	0	0
Other Ministry and Support Staff National Insurance	0	0	0	0	(59)
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	(64,964)	0	0	(64,964)	(38,761)
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*McQuiston is registered with the Pension Regulator as required and no employee was in receipt of employee benefits in excess of £60,000.*

**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2024**

**9. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO Envelopes	(882)	0	0	(882)	(722)
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	(882)	0	0	(882)	(722)
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**10. LIFE AND WORK**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Worship and Fellowship	(2,092)	0	0	(2,092)	(2,826)
Discipleship and Ministry	(738)	(1,057)	0	(1,795)	(1,328)
Mission and Outreach	(1,552)	0	0	(1,552)	(941)
Administration	(2,899)	0	0	(2,899)	(5,163)
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	(7,281)	(1,057)	0	(8,338)	(10,258)
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**11. GOVERNANCE**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Governance Costs	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0
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**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2024**

**12. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Utilities	(31,168)	0	0	(31,168)	(24,023)
Repairs and Maintenance		(14,430)	0	(14,430)	(40,206)
Insurances	(5,750)	0	0	(5,750)	(5,662)
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	(36,918)	(14,430)	0	(51,348)	(69,891)
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**13. GRANTS TO MISSIONS AND CHARITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2024</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
United Appeal	0	(9,540)	0	(9,540)	(10,207)
Other PCI Schemes	0	(2,557)	0	(2,557)	(2,871)
Other Missions and Charities					0
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	0	(12,097)	0	(12,097)	(13,078)
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**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2024**

**14. FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
General Fund	50,348	126,994	(121,291)	5,703	(1,356)	54,695
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	50,348	126,994	(121,291)	5,703	(1,356)	54,695
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<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Building Fund	19,129	10,069	(14,430)	(4,361)	0	14,768
United Appeal	9,541	7,723	(9,540)	(1,817)	1,356	9,080
Benevolent Fund	7,447	1,450	0	1,450	0	8,897
Intern Programme	7,700	0	0	0	0	7,700
Organisations	4,594	1,564	(1,057)	507	0	5,101
Childrens Society	0	250	0	250	0	250
World Development Appeal	783	391	(604)	(213)	0	570
Moderators Appeal	467	0	(545)	(545)	0	(78)
Student Bursary Fund	1,408	352	(1,408)	(1,056)	0	352
Storehouse	20	0	0	0	0	20
Charity Donation	467	212	0	212	0	679
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	51,556	22,011	(27,584)	(5,573)	1,356	47,339
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<b>Total</b>	<b>101,904</b>	<b>149,005</b>	<b>(148,875)</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>102,034</b>
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**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2024**

**15. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 83 Castlereagh Road, Belfast, BT5 5FE and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant, and machinery. The congregation also owns the Manse at 52 Kings Road, Belfast, BT5 6JL and the associated fixtures and fittings. These have an insurance value of £6,957,772 and £455,273 respectively.

**16. INVESTMENTS**

The congregation has the following investments held within the Presbyterian Church in Ireland General Investment Fund Scheme. Amounts are shown at market valuation.

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	£	£
<b>General Investment Fund</b>		
S Robinson Bequest	95,536	91,223
Stewart Gift	1,884	1,799
Miss M McCochrane	18,577	17,738
Miss R Richardson Estate	1,507	1,439
Mrs Henry	1,145	1,093
Miss R Firth Gift	1,884	1,799
PWA	1,200	1,146
Miss E Stewart Bequest	2,498	2,386
Mrs Jordan	2,080	1,986
Mrs M Sloan	1,591	1,519
Mrs M Nesbitt	2,080	1,986
Mrs M Hughes	405	386
Mrs E Kerr	502	480
Miss V Graham	2,163	2,066
Mrs C Kenny Bequest	3,238	3,092
Mrs L Wilson	1,982	1,892
Anonymous Donation	4,536	4,331
Rev S Eaton	44,565	42,553
Johnston Family Memorial Gift	11,584	11,061
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	198,957	189,975
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**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2024**

**17. CHURCH ORGANISATION FUNDS**

	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Organisation</b>		
Aerobics	0	229
Badminton	0	213
Boys Brigade	4,801	5,120
Choir	0	24
Flower Committee	0	42
Fund Raising	54,167	49,768
Girl Guides	0	369
Ladies Fellowship	0	0
Luncheon Club	0	1,073
McQuiston Toddlers	0	238
Senior Members	1,861	560
Sunday School	3,273	3,149
Take Two	0	0
Transformers	0	0
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	<b>64,102</b>	<b>60,785</b>
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**18. LIABILITIES**

The congregation has no liabilities.

**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2024**

**RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

One of the Trustees, the minister of the congregation received remuneration of £37,275 and allowances & expenses of £7,036 for acting in that capacity. Pension contribution of £8,947 was paid by the congregation in respect of the minister to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Pension Scheme (2009). None of the other trustees received any remuneration.

During the year the congregation contributed the following amounts to Funds of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland a separate charity:

£10,408	for congregational assessments
£9,540	towards the United Appeal
£604	towards the World Development Appeal
£545	towards the Moderator's Appeal
£1,408	towards the Students Bursary Fund

There were no other related transactions.

**McQuiston Memorial Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104506

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# Accounts

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# **McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104506)**

**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>						
Regular Direct Giving	1	78,589	18,079	0	96,668	99,970
Donations and legacies	2	2,611	4,685	0	7,296	9,349
Activities that Generate Income	3	3,355	0	0	3,355	5,487
Investment Income	4	5,182	0	0	5,182	4,096
Other Income Sources	5	14,627	267	0	14,894	10,390
<b>Total Receipts</b>		104,364	23,031	0	127,395	129,292
<b>Payments</b>						
Central Church Assessments	6	(10,316)	0	0	(10,316)	(11,001)
Presbytery Fees	7	(798)	0	0	(798)	(809)
Ministry and Support Staff	8	(38,761)	0	0	(38,761)	(66,850)
Raising Funds	9	(722)	0	0	(722)	(765)
Life and Work	10	(9,358)	(900)	0	(10,258)	(12,132)
Governance	11	0	0	0	0	0
Property and Equipment	12	(29,685)	(40,206)	0	(69,891)	(39,590)
Grants to Missions and Charities	13	0	(13,078)	0	(13,078)	(11,131)
<b>Total Payments</b>		(89,640)	(54,184)	0	(143,824)	(142,278)
Net receipts / (payments)		14,724	(31,153)	0	(16,429)	(12,986)
Transfers between funds		(1,849)	1,849	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		12,875	(29,304)	0	(16,429)	(12,986)
Funds brought forward		37,473	80,860	0	118,333	131,319
Funds carried forward	14	50,348	51,556	0	101,904	118,333


**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**As at 31 December 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at start of year	37,473	80,860	0	118,333	131,319
Net movement in funds	12,875	(29,304)	0	(16,429)	(12,986)
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Bank and Cash at end of year	50,348	51,556	0	101,904	118,333
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<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Deposit Accounts				101,904	118,333
Bank Current Accounts (including Cash in Transit)				0	0
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				101,904	118,333
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<b>Other Assets</b>					
Fixed Assets – Note 15					
- Church Premises including Hall Buildings and Contents				6,626,449	6,164,139
- Church Manse				433,593	403,342
Investments – Note 16				189,975	174,209
Church Organisation's Funds - Note 17				60,785	57,615
Gift Aid Receivable				20,395	21,004
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				7,331,197	6,820,309
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<b>Liabilities - Note 18</b>				0	0
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Total net assets				7,331,197	6,820,309
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on and signed on its behalf by

Ken Galbraith   
22/10/2024

Philip Boyd  
22/10/2024

**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**31 December 2023**

**ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the Trustees have elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities (Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

**FUND ACCOUNTING**

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd).**

**31 December 2023**

**1. REGULAR DIRECT GIVING**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving (FWO)	63,629	0	0	63,629	64,337
Loose Collections	740	0	0	740	74
Gift Aid Received	14,220	0	0	14,220	15,371
United Appeal	0	6,788	0	6,788	6,827
Gift Aid Received on United Appeal	0	1,723	0	1,723	1,691
Building Fund	0	6,557	0	6,557	8,339
Gift Aid Received on Building Fund	0	3,011	0	3,011	3,331
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	78,589	18,079	0	96,668	99,970
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**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Gift Days, Special Collections and Donations	280	3,081	0	3,361	6,432
Gift Aid Received on Occasional Gifts	0	1,604	0	1,604	308
Gifts in Kind	0	0	0	0	0
Legacies and Bequests	0	0	0	0	0
Received for Congregational Organisations	0	0	0	0	256
Donations from Congregational Organisations	0	0	0	0	0
Harvest	1,935	0	0	1,935	1,970
Gift Aid Received on Harvest	396	0	0	396	383
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	2,611	4,685	0	7,296	9,349
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**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**3. ACTIVITIES THAT GENERATE INCOME**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Endowment Funds		Total 2023		Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	££
Income from Church Events		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sale or Rental of Books etc		185	0	0	0	0	185	185	352
Weddings, Funerals etc		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Music at McQuiston		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hall Hire		3,170	0	0	0	0	3,170	3,170	5,135
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		3,355	0	0	0	0	3,355	3,355	5,487
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**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Endowment Funds		Total 2023		Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest		1,476	0	0	0	0	1,476	1,476	247
General Investment Fund		3,706	0	0	0	0	3,706	3,706	3,849
Other Investment Income		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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		5,182	0	0	0	0	5,182	5,182	4,096
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**5. OTHER INCOME SOURCES**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds		Endowment Funds		Total 2023		Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Grants Received		600	0	0	0	0	600	600	0
Rental Income		14,027	0	0	0	0	14,027	14,027	10,190
Miscellaneous Income		0	217	0	0	0	217	217	200
Gift Aid Received on Miscellaneous Income		0	50	0	0	0	50	50	0
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		14,627	267	0	0	0	14,894	14,894	10,390
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**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**6. CENTRAL CHURCH ASSESSMENTS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Central Ministry Fund	(3,280)	0	0	(3,280)	(3,588)
Widows of Ministers' Fund	(671)	0	0	(671)	(747)
Prolonged Disability Fund	(671)	0	0	(671)	(597)
Incidental Fund	(2,683)	0	0	(2,683)	(2,766)
Ministerial Development Fund	(298)	0	0	(298)	(343)
Assembly Buildings' External Work	(1,491)	0	0	(1,491)	(1,495)
Sick Supply Fund	(30)	0	0	(30)	(45)
Students' Bursary Fund	(1,192)	0	0	(1,192)	(1,420)
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	(10,316)	0	0	(10,316)	(11,001)
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**7. PRESBYTERY FEES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
East Belfast Presbytery Fees	(798)	0	0	(798)	(809)
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	(798)	0	0	(798)	(809)
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**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**8. MINISTRY AND SUPPORT STAFF**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Minister's Stipend	(10,453)	0	0	(10,453)	(22,586)
Minister's Allowance / Expenses	(1,973)	0	0	(1,973)	(4,470)
ER NIC on Minister's Allowance	(272)	0	0	(272)	(541)
Minister's Pension Scheme	(2,509)	0	0	(2,509)	(5,420)
Minister's National Insurance	(1,024)	0	0	(1,024)	(2,519)
Apprenticeship Levy	(53)	0	0	(53)	(113)
Other Ministry and Support Staff Salary	(22,418)	0	0	(22,418)	(30,914)
Other Ministry and Support Staff Pension	0	0	0	0	(21)
Other Ministry and Support Staff National Insurance	(59)	0	0	(59)	(266)
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	(38,761)	0	0	(38,761)	(66,850)
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*McQuiston is registered with the Pension Regulator as required and no employee was in receipt of employee benefits in excess of £60,000.*

**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**9. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO Envelopes	(722)	0	0	(722)	(765)
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	(722)	0	0	(722)	(765)
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**10. LIFE AND WORK**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Worship and Fellowship	(2,826)	0	0	(2,826)	(2,284)
Discipleship and Ministry	(428)	(900)	0	(1,328)	(2,829)
Mission and Outreach	(941)	0	0	(941)	(952)
Administration	(5,163)	0	0	(5,163)	(6,067)
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	(9,358)	(900)	0	(10,258)	(12,132)
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**11. GOVERNANCE**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Governance Costs	0	0	0	0	0
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**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**12. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Utilities	(24,023)	0	0	(24,023)	(27,278)
Repairs and Maintenance		(40,206)	0	(40,206)	(8,739)
Insurances	(5,662)	0	0	(5,662)	(3,573)
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	(29,685)	(40,206)	0	(69,891)	(39,590)
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**13. GRANTS TO MISSIONS AND CHARITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2023</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
United Appeal	0	(10,207)	0	(10,207)	(9,146)
Other PCI Schemes	0	(2,871)	0	(2,871)	(985)
Other Missions and Charities	0	0	0	0	(1,000)
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	0	(13,078)	0	(13,078)	(11,131)
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**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**14. FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
General Fund	37,473	104,364	(89,640)	14,724	(1,849)	50,348
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	37,473	104,364	(89,640)	14,724	(1,849)	50,348
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<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Building Fund	49,767	9,568	(40,206)	(30,638)	0	19,129
United Appeal	10,207	8,511	(10,207)	(1,696)	1,030	9,541
Benevolent Fund	6,397	1,050	0	1,050	0	7,447
Intern Programme	7,700	0	0	0	0	7,700
Organisations	3,776	818	0	818	0	4,594
Orphan Society	1	0	(180)	(180)	179	0
World Development Appeal	604	604	(425)	179	0	783
Moderators Appeal	2,122	545	(2,200)	(1,655)	0	467
Student Bursary Fund	66	1,408	(66)	1,342	0	1,408
Storehouse	20	0	0	0	0	20
Music @ McQuiston	0	0	0	0	0	0
Charity Donations	200	267	0	267	0	467
Presentation	0	260	(900)	(640)	640	0
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	80,860	23,031	(54,184)	(31,153)	1,849	51,556
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<b>Total</b>	<b>118,333</b>	<b>127,395</b>	<b>(143,824)</b>	<b>(16,429)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>101,904</b>
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**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**15. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 83 Castlereagh Road, Belfast, BT5 5FE and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant, and machinery. The congregation also owns the Manse at 52 Kings Road, Belfast, BT5 6JL and the associated fixtures and fittings. These have an insurance value of £6,626,449 and £433,593 respectively.

**16. INVESTMENTS**

The congregation has the following investments held within the Presbyterian Church in Ireland General Investment Fund Scheme. Amounts are shown at market valuation.

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	£	£
<b>General Investment Fund</b>		
S Robinson Bequest	91,223	83,652
Stewart Gift	1,799	1,650
Miss M McCochrane	17,738	16,266
Miss R Richardson Estate	1,439	1,320
Mrs Henry	1,093	1,002
Miss R Firth Gift	1,799	1,650
PWA	1,146	1,051
Miss E Stewart Bequest	2,386	2,188
Mrs Jordan	1,986	1,821
Mrs M Sloan	1,519	1,393
Mrs M Nesbitt	1,986	1,821
Mrs M Hughes	386	355
Mrs E Kerr	480	440
Miss V Graham	2,066	1,894
Mrs C Kenny Bequest	3,092	2,835
Mrs L Wilson	1,892	1,735
Anonymous Donation	4,331	3,972
Rev S Eaton	42,553	39,021
Johnston Family Memorial Gift	11,061	10,143
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	189,975	174,209
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**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**17. CHURCH ORGANISATION FUNDS**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Organisation</b>		
Aerobics	229	229
Badminton	213	213
Boys Brigade	5,120	5,707
Choir	24	24
Flower Committee	42	146
Fund Raising	49,768	45,860
Girl Guides	369	369
Ladies Fellowship	0	0
Luncheon Club	1,073	1,086
McQuiston Toddlers	238	238
Senior Members	560	1,108
Sunday School	3,149	2,543
Take Two	0	88
Transformers	0	4
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	<b>60,785</b>	<b>57,615</b>
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**18. LIABILITIES**

The congregation has no liabilities.

**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND  
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2023**

**RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

One of the Trustees, the minister of the congregation received remuneration of £10,453 and allowances & expenses of £2,245 for acting in that capacity. Pension contribution of £2,509 was paid by the congregation in respect of the minister to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Pension Scheme (2009). None of the other trustees received any remuneration.

During the year the congregation contributed the following amounts to Funds of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland a separate charity:

£10,316	for congregational assessments
£10,207	towards the United Appeal
£425	towards the World Development Appeal
£2,200	towards the Moderator's Appeal
£66	towards the Students Bursary Fund

There were no other related transactions.

**McQuiston Memorial Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104506

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# Annual report

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**McQUISTON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104506)**

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

McQuiston Memorial congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
83 Castlereagh Road, Belfast, BT5 5FE.  
Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104506).

## **CHARITY TRUSTEES**

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report were:

W J Best	W A Bousfield
SD Briggs	K R Galbraith
M J Gardner	R J Graham
H J Hawthorne	A L Johnston
E J Kelso	N Maynes
S McAllister	P McKeown
S O Quinn	K R Sergeant
M H Sergeant	J C Shivers
I Smyth	K R Wray (Resigned August 2023)
L M Wray	P A Wray (Deceased May 2023)
R S Wray	

## **PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister	Rev. Philip Boyd (installed September 2023)
Clerk of Session	Mr K R Galbraith
Deputy Clerk of Session	Mrs Linda Wray
Treasurer	Mr T R Graham
Secretary	Miss M J Gardner

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Mr David Hooks  
250 Donaghadee Road  
Bangor  
Co Down  
BT19 6NH

### **BANKERS**

Ulster Bank Ltd  
37 High Street  
Carrickfergus  
Co Antrim  
BT38 7AN

### **SOLICITORS**

Hewitt & Gilpin  
73 Hollywood Road  
Belfast  
BT4 3BA

## **STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **The Kirk Session**

The charity trustees of the congregation are the members of its Kirk Session. Under the congregation's governing document, The Code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Kirk Session seeks to watch over and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation and of persons not connected with any congregation who are within its bounds. It ensures pastoral care is in place in the congregation and seeks to further the contribution of the Church to Christian witness and service in the local community. The Kirk Session has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the congregation. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the minister in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk Session are held every fourth Tuesday of the calendar month except June, July, August and December. Other meetings of the Kirk Session are arranged as required.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of the votes off those who vote.

### **Presbytery**

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. McQuiston Memorial congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the East Belfast Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

### **The General Assembly**

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administration and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted during June for worship and to conduct its business. This year the meeting was held from 21 June to 24 June 2023. At the end of business it is dissolved. The membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

### **DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

The charitable purpose of the congregation is the advancement of religion.

McQuiston Memorial congregation of the Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregation's mission purpose is "Jesus centred – People focused". This is demonstrated as follows that by the grace of God, to help people of all ages become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

- is increasingly characterised by love for God, and love and concern for others;
- is committed to the historic Christian gospel as revealed in the Bible;
- is relevant to people of this time and place.

The congregation aims to live out its Mission and Vision as a family of God's people by being:

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward Him and toward one another.
- Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.

As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice.

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

### ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and welcomes visitors to worship with us. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on several occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds Bible study meetings (Discipleship Groups) and prayer meetings each fortnight on a Wednesday evening. We also have a wide range of organisations and activities including:

- Sunday School known as MnM Kids
- McQuiston Tots
- Craic 'n' Coffee
- Coffee with Jesus Ladies Study Group
- Senior Members Fellowship
- Redcar Crafts
- Youth Club known as Transformers
- Boys' Brigade – Anchor Boys, Junior and Company Sections
- Discipleship Groups
- Praise Group
- Pastoral Visitation
- Outreach Activities

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

#### **Worship and Prayer**

With the retirement of our minister, Reverend Robert Beggs, the congregation continues through this time of vacancy in the care of a Vacancy Commission of East Belfast Presbytery. We meet for worship each Sunday at 11.00am and on the First and third Sundays each month at 7.00pm. The Bible Study (Discipleship Groups) provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer. The Prayer Time and Discipleship groups meet on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings each month.

An essential and vital part of our Christian witness is prayer. Accordingly we meet for times of specific prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledge God's gift of new life at Sacraments of Baptism but we had no baptisms this year. We had one celebration of Holy Matrimony. In addition we had 14 members who died during the year and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

A Remembrance Day service was held in November. In December we held our annual carol service which was well attended and was also streamed live.

On 31 December 2023 there were 104 communicant members and over 167 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship was just over 70 persons. An average of 97 persons per week visited the on-line service

A What's App prayer group (operating by mobile texting) continues faithful ongoing prayer cover for Church members and other non-members, as well as prayer for situations at home and overseas. A joy continues to be the many answers to prayer.

We continue to support our food bank with groceries/essential food items which are given to the needy in the area. Our Outreach worker continued to ensure that the food is distributed to European migrants and members of the local community in need. During the Easter and Christmas periods he and a number of Elders brought gifts to many within that migrant population.

In September 2023 the contract for our Outreach worker ended and John McCandless retired from the post. As a congregation we have come to know and love John and his wife Lana. We will maintain contact with them into the future.

#### **Safe Guarding**

Taking Care is the name of the safeguarding policy and programme of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Our aim is to create and promote a safe environment for all. We believe that next to proclaiming God's Word and the love of Christ, nothing could be more important than keeping our children and young people safe.

Our church is also designated as a safe place for those suffering from domestic abuse.

McQuiston Memorial Presbyterian Church

A congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

### Mission and outreach

The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. This fund enables congregations to support the wider mission of the denomination and to do mission and outreach on a denominational basis beyond what the congregation could do on its own. The United Appeal Fund provides financial support for mission personnel at home and overseas, assists congregations with the deployment of locally based staff, enables church planting, provides grant support for the upkeep of church premises, assist with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregations in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care. It is pleasing to note that the congregation reached its "*Target of Honour*" set by the Presbytery.

The congregation also contributes to the denomination's annual World Development Appeal, The Presbyterian Children's Society, the Samaritans Purse Shoebox Appeal at Christmas and other special appeals.

During the Easter period our senior members received an Easter greetings card and a small gift. Our work with Elmgrove and Euston Street Primary schools continued as they held a lovely colouring competition and prizes were awarded to the winners.

Just prior to Christmas 70 bags of shortbread were distributed to local neighbours either side of the church building and shops / businesses on the Castlereagh Road.

Our outreach work continued to develop in two local primary schools. Working with P7 classes continued with cookie decorating, planting summer bedding plants and arts and crafts work. The annual Easter arts competition continues to be a popular event.

On 30 April Belfast held its annual marathon and we deferred our morning worship whilst cups of water were offered to the runners and tea/coffee and bacon baps to the spectators.

### Presbytery

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of East Belfast Presbytery by our minister and / or one of the elders. This provides an important link between the congregations and the wider structures of the church. A report of each Presbytery meeting is given to the Kirk Session.

### General Assembly

The Convenor and one of our elders were nominated to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast. Our Minister and Clerk of Kirk Session attended and were greatly impressed by the way affairs were conducted. A report is given to Kirk Session on the work presented.

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

Mr JC Shivers reported on his attendance at General Assembly in June 2023. This year there was a new format with General Assembly commencing on a Wednesday and finishing on a Saturday. He highlighted the following :-

PCI Have 22 students in training.

Guysmere is to be upgraded and used for the benefit of younger members of our church.

A document on allowing people with a learning disability to become full members of churches. A paper will go to Presbyteries and final decisions for next year's General Assembly.

Updating of the PCI Code.

### **Property**

The general maintenance work carried out in and around the church and manse goes on in an effort to keep the property up to a high standard a high standard. Whilst it was agreed to replace the front doors with uPVC doors. This work has not yet proceeded and it has still to go to Presbytery and the General Assembly Architecture Committee before work can commence.

2023 saw the retirement of our Church Officer, Sam McNerlan, Sam served in McQuiston for more than twenty years and was a much loved member of our staff. Sam maintained the building and grounds to a high standard. We will all miss his smile and enthusiasm around the buildings.

The updating work at the vacant manse was completed and the property was rented out for a period of 6 months.

### **Organisations**

As the congregation continues to progress and rebuild some of the organisations that we would have traditionally had operating have yet to start. The Ladies Fellowship (Presbyterian Women), the Luncheon Club will not restart as agreed by KirkSession. The Mens Fellowship (SHED) and the film club Take Two have not yet restarted.

### **Sunday**

Our Services of worship and praise continued throughout the year as already detailed . In the early part of 2023 our congregation continues as a "vacant" pulpit under the oversight of a Commission of East Belfast Presbytery who appointed the Rev. Richard McIlHatton as Vacancy Commission Convenor who managed the provision of preachers. Rev McIlHatton steered the Kirk Session through the process of applying to the Linkage Commission of the Presbyterian Church for leave to call a new minister which was granted. At this point Rev. McIlHatton moved to take on other duties and a new convenor of vacancy was appointed. Rev. Colin Burcombe led us through the process of calling a new minister. The Sunday services were coordinated by our musical director Mark McKeown who organised the order of the services and managed a rota of service leaders who led the services up to the sermon. In June we called the Rev. Philip Boyd who accepted the call and was installed as our minister in September 2023

Our praise group continued to meet and practise new pieces of praise with a view to introducing them to the congregation.

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

A crèche is available every Sunday morning for all pre-school children attending church. At present we have 2 babies and 4 toddlers who are looked after by women from our congregation. A rota system is in operation throughout the year to make sure every Sunday is covered.

Our Sunday school, known as MnM Kids continued and 2023 has been an interesting year for the young people in McQuiston. Messy Church, on a number of occasions continued to supplement our children's ministry with Vintage Church, for our more mature members, running alongside Messy Church. At all times we aim to provide a safe environment for the young people. God is at the centre of all we do and the activities we provide. Safe Guarding training was carried out in March 2023.

As the year continued it was proposed to return to a similar timetable for the young people as was observed before covid-19. Children would join the church service and leave during the service for their programme.

We have a consistent number of children weekly with 11 children attending. This number may vary slightly but we are prepared for an increase or decrease in our attendance. The weekly leaders are also helped by a young teen in the church who faithfully attends every week and helps in many different ways. The programme theme each week is the same for all children but we have activities which are specific for both KS1 and KS2 to enhance and support the lessons. We have been working through the themes, "Jesus is our hero" and more recently "The life of Jesus" in accordance to the Gospel of Matthew.

### **Monday**

There are currently no organisations meeting on a Monday

### **Tuesday**

Craic 'n' Coffee, our coffee drop in, continues to provide a warm and comfortable location for anyone to rest and have fellowship with friend and strangers alike. It available each Tuesday from 10.00am to 11.30am except in July and August The Senior Members Fellowship also resumed and now meets once a month on a Tuesday afternoon.

### **Wednesday**

Redcar Crafts continues to provide a useful outlet for those who crochet and knit and are generally creative. On a Wednesday morning you can learn new skills, practise and hone old skills. You may also be treated to some pavlova and coffee.

### **Thursday**

Coffee with Jesus

Coffee with Jesus is exactly what it claims to be, a time of studying God's word, prayer, alongside coffee and cake.

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

Women from the congregation meet at 9.30-10.30am in the Youth Room (two Thursdays a month) where we have a coffee and catch up and discuss the chapters of the book which we have read in advance.

This years favourite book was Rebekah Lyons's "Building a Resilient Life". Through this book we discovered five practical, life-changing rules of resilience to help you thrive in difficult times.

Each time we meet we end with a time of prayer; praying for one another, the church, the world and anything/anyone else the Lord puts on our hearts.

This group has really been an encouragement to the women involved and their commitment to it has proven how important they think it is as part of their faith journey.

### **Transformers**

We continue to meet in the church halls Thursday evenings. We have 31 children on our roll and an average attendance of 25 each week. As usual our night follows a routine of circle time where the children share what they have done from the previous Thursday. We then share a Bible story and either a quiz or craft. Games are always a favourite especially football and relay races. We end the night with juice and biscuits.

We have 4 faithful leaders each week and 2 helpers, without their help Transformers wouldn't function.

We pray with the children before the parents come back to collect them. No matter what we do each week God is with us, His love is so important to us.

### **Friday**

#### **McQuiston Toddlers**

Following a great first year at toddlers, we look forward to seeing how God continues to bless us as we head into the next school year.

Over the past 12 months we have welcomed several new families through the doors of our church to join us each Friday morning for play time, music and snacks.

Many of the families returned week after week, which has been incredibly encouraging for the leaders. We are so grateful to God for the relationships that have been formed, and continue to pray for opportunities to reach out to those in our local community as we prepare for the year ahead.

Toddlers meets on Friday, of each week from 10.00-11.30. All toddlers of pre-school age and their parents, grandparents or carers are very welcome.

#### **Boys Brigade**

In 2023 the 19<sup>th</sup> Company Boys' Brigade became part of a new organisation and are now a company in Boys Brigade NI. This organisation is now separate from the Boys Brigade in the rest of the UK. The Company continued the face-to-face activities at the church on a weekly basis, with

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

restrictions hand washing/sanitising, opening windows for ventilation are still in place. The programme has now been based on resources produced by Boys Brigade NI HQ, including themed programmes of physical, mental and spiritual activities. The themed programmes have been a great success, with the Anchors Boys enjoying dinosaur nights, Junior section enjoying World War 2, and Seniors enjoying a James Bond theme.

The boys continue to work for their badges and awards. Three boys, Michael Greenwood, Aaron Greenwood and Ross Elliot, achieved the Queens Badge. Our parents night in May which is always great fun for both the boys and parents, many of whom get involved in the games.

It has been great to have the boys back to face-to-face activities in the church, watching them grow in their faith, and seeing them enjoying themselves with their friends.

We have a great team of dedicated leaders, and we are very grateful for all the work and passion they put into advancing Christ's Kingdom among boys.

We would also be extremely grateful of new potential leaders who could prayerfully consider joining our team in our mission to advance Christ's Kingdom among boys in the local neighbourhood. Thanks for all your help, support and prayer for our BB in McQuiston; it means so much to all the boys and their leaders.

### **Miscellaneous**

Other events such as the ever popular Ladies Nights are held on a regular basis and are always over subscribed. Music at McQuiston is a concert which is held in the church once a year. Music and singing covering a wide range of tastes is performed to a very high standard.

In addition to our own church organisations the church halls are used by other external organisations as follows :

Pilates Classes  
Narcotics Anonymous Meetings  
Ballet Classes  
Trinity School of Music

As in previous years around Christmas a number of Elders and Mr. McCandless prepared and packaged gifts for our senior members. These were delivered to their homes and were well received.

Gifts of shortbread biscuits were delved to the businesses in the local area.

Our Christmas Carols service at twilight was performed on Sunday evening 19 December with a large congregation. This service was also broadcast live on-line. Some light refreshments were served at its conclusion.

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

### **Volunteers**

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on committees and helping with organisations and other church activities.

### **PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of religion.

The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church's subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled and bereaved).

Generally the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the services and informal and ad-hoc feedback from members, their families, and members of the public.

The purpose does not lead to harm. The only private benefit flowing from our purpose is related to Ministers, Missionaries, Deaconesses, Irish Mission workers and Lay Agents who receive benefits as a result of their holding office or employment. However, this is incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purpose. There are no other private benefits. The beneficiaries of this purpose are members, their families, other individuals that the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is in direct and indirect contact with, the community in which pastoral services are provided and other communities throughout Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and worldwide which benefit from our engagement with and support for both Christian and other secular organisations, charities and individual members of the public.

The Kirk Session has had regard to the Charity Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 167 contributors during the year (same 2022) donating a total of £63,629.00 .

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £127,395 compared to £129,292 in the previous year.

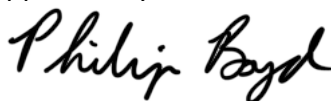
Total expenditure increased from £142,278 in 2022 to £143,824 in 2023

### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the congregation in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

As the congregation's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 24 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by



Rev. Philip Boyd

Minister

22 October 2023



KR Galbraith

Clerk of Session

22 October 2023

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

### RISK REVIEW

A review of major risks has been undertaken by the Trustees and systems and procedures implemented to manage identified risks. The principal risks are in relation to the likelihood of reputational damage and financial risks associated with the expectation of ongoing financial support from members. These risks are mitigated by the Trustees, and the Congregational Committee, regularly monitoring the various activities of the congregation at stated meetings and by encouraging members in their regular giving.

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 22 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Rev Philip Boyd

Minister

Date 22 October 2024



K R Galbraith

Clerk of Session

Date 22 October 2024

**McQuiston Memorial Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104506

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# Annual return

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## **McQUISTON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for  
the year ended 31 December 2023**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104506)**

McQuiston Memorial Presbyterian Church  
a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

**QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

I report on the accounts of McQuiston Memorial Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, which are set out on pages 2 to 14 of the attached financial statements.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my 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**

I have examined your charity accounts 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.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me 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.

McQuiston Memorial Presbyterian Church  
a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

**QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND (cont'd)**

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: David Hooks

Relevant professional body: Chartered Accountant

Address: 250 Donaghadee Road  
Bangor  
BT19 6NH

Date: 14 October 2024

**McQuiston Memorial Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104506

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# Accounts

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# **McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements  
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104506)**

**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)**  
**for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>						
Regular Direct Giving	1	79,782	20,188	0	99,970	111,077
Donations and legacies	2	3,603	5,746	0	9,349	7,142
Activities that Generate Income	3	5,487	0	0	5,487	3,010
Investment Income	4	4,096	0	0	4,096	3,723
Other Income Sources	5	10,190	200	0	10,390	7,165
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<b>Total Receipts</b>		103,158	26,134	0	129,292	132,117
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<b>Payments</b>						
Central Church Assessments	6	(11,001)	0	0	(11,001)	(10,284)
Presbytery Fees	7	(809)	0	0	(809)	(844)
Ministry and Support Staff	8	(66,850)	0	0	(66,850)	(84,915)
Raising Funds	9	(765)	0	0	(765)	(1,338)
Life and Work	10	(9,017)	(3,115)	0	(12,132)	(7,891)
Governance	11	0	0	0	0	0
Property and Equipment	12	(30,851)	(8,739)	0	(39,590)	(41,321)
Grants to Missions and Charities	13	(1,000)	(10,131)	0	(11,131)	(11,829)
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<b>Total Payments</b>		(120,293)	(21,985)	0	(142,278)	(158,422)
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Net receipts / (payments)		(17,135)	4,149	0	(12,986)	(26,305)
Transfers between funds		(2,615)	2,615	0	0	0
		-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net movement in funds		(19,750)	6,764	0	(12,986)	(26,305)
Funds brought forward		57,223	74,096	0	131,319	157,624
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Funds carried forward	14	37,473	80,860	0	118,333	131,319
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**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**As at 31 December 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>					
Bank and Cash at start of year	57,223	74,096	0	131,319	157,624
Net movement in funds	(19,750)	6,764	0	(12,986)	(26,305)
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Bank and Cash at end of year	37,473	80,860	0	118,333	131,319
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<b>Bank &amp; Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Deposit Accounts				118,333	131,319
Bank Current Accounts (including Cash in Transit)				0	0
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				118,333	131,319
				-----	-----
<b>Other Assets</b>					
Fixed Assets – Note 15					
- Church Premises including Hall Buildings and Contents				6,164,139	5,734,082
- Church Manse				403,342	375,202
Investments – Note 16					
				174,209	189,813
Church Organisation's Funds - Note 17					
				57,615	53,182
Gift Aid Receivable					
				21,004	21,340
				-----	-----
				6,820,309	6,373,619
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<b>Liabilities - Note 18</b>					
				0	0
				-----	-----
Total net assets					
				6,820,309	6,373,619
				=====	=====

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on and signed on its behalf by

Ken Galbraith

Philip Boyd

26/09/2023

26/09/2023

**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**31 December 2022**

**ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the Trustees have elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities (Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

**FUND ACCOUNTING**

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd).**

**31 December 2022**

**1. REGULAR DIRECT GIVING**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving (FWO)	64,337	0	0	64,337	70,500
Loose Collections	74	0	0	74	273
Gift Aid Received	15,371	0	0	15,371	14,930
United Appeal	0	6,827	0	6,827	6,973
Gift Aid Received on United Appeal	0	1,691	0	1,691	1,715
Building Fund	0	8,339	0	8,339	9,883
Gift Aid Received on Building Fund	0	3,331	0	3,331	6,803
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	79,782	20,188	0	99,970	111,077
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**2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Gift Days, Special Collections and Donations	1,250	5,182	0	6,432	2,449
Gift Aid Received on Occasional Gifts	0	308	0	308	431
Gifts in Kind	0	0	0	0	0
Legacies and Bequests	0	0	0	0	0
Received for Congregational Organisations	0	256	0	256	936
Donations from Congregational Organisations	0	0	0	0	1,200
Harvest	1,970	0	0	1,970	1,620
Gift Aid Received on Harvest	383	0	0	383	506
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	3,603	5,746	0	9,349	7,142
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**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2022**

**3. ACTIVITIES THAT GENERATE INCOME**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022		Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	££
Income from Church Events		0	0	0		0	0
Sale or Rental of Books etc		352	0	0		352	0
Weddings, Funerals etc		0	0	0		0	0
Music at McQuiston		0	0	0		0	0
Hall Hire		5,135	0	0		5,135	3,010
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		5,487	0	0		5,487	3,010
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**4. INVESTMENT INCOME**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022		Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Bank Interest		247	0	0		247	14
General Investment Fund		3,849	0	0		3,849	3,709
Other Investment Income							0
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		4,096	0	0		4,096	3,723
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**5. OTHER INCOME SOURCES**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022		Total 2021
			£	£			£
Grants Received		0	0	0		0	0
Rental Income		10,190	0	0		10,190	7,165
Miscellaneous Income		0	200	0		200	0
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		10,190	200	0		10,390	7,165
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**McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

**31 December 2022**

**6. CENTRAL CHURCH ASSESSMENTS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Central Ministry Fund	(3,588)	0	0	(3,588)	(3,577)
Retired Ministers' Fund	0	0	0	0	0
Widows of Ministers' Fund	(747)	0	0	(747)	(820)
Prolonged Disability Fund	(597)	0	0	(597)	(596)
Incidental Fund	(2,766)	0	0	(2,766)	(2,757)
Ministerial Development Fund	(343)	0	0	(343)	(388)
Assembly Buildings' External Work	(1,495)	0	0	(1,495)	(1,565)
Sick Supply Fund	(45)	0	0	(45)	(60)
Students' Bursary Fund	(1,420)	0	0	(1,420)	(521)
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	(11,001)	0	0	(11,001)	(10,284)
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**7. PRESBYTERY FEES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
East Belfast Presbytery Fees	(809)	0	0	(809)	(844)
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	(809)	0	0	(809)	(844)
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**8. MINISTRY AND SUPPORT STAFF**

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Minister's Stipend	(22,586)	0	0	(22,586)	(37,866)
Minister's Allowance / Expenses	(4,470)	0	0	(4,470)	(6,307)
ER NIC on Minister's Allowance	(541)	0	0	(541)	(861)
Minister's Pension Scheme	(5,420)	0	0	(5,420)	(9,088)
Minister's National Insurance	(2,519)	0	0	(2,519)	(4,008)
Licensed Assistant Salary	0	0	0	0	0
Licensed Assistant Allowance / Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
ER NIC on Licensed Assistant Allowance / Expenses	0	0	0	0	0
Licensed Assistant National Insurance	0	0	0	0	0
Licensed Assistant House Allowance	0	0	0	0	0
Licensed Assistant Prolonged Disability Fund	0	0	0	0	0
Apprenticeship Levy	(113)	0	0	(113)	(189)
Other Ministry and Support Staff Salary	(30,914)	0	0	(30,914)	(25,738)
Other Ministry and Support Staff Pension	(21)	0	0	(21)	(334)
Other Ministry and Support Staff National Insurance	(266)	0	0	(266)	(524)
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	(66,850)	0	0	(66,850)	(84,915)
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*McQuiston is registered with the Pension Regulator as required and no employee was in receipt of employee benefits in excess of £60,000.*

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**9. RAISING FUNDS**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO Envelopes	(765)	0	0	(765)	(1,338)
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	(765)	0	0	(765)	(1,338)
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**10. LIFE AND WORK**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Worship and Fellowship	(1,669)	(615)	0	(2,284)	(1,317)
Discipleship and Ministry	(329)	(2,500)	0	(2,829)	(448)
Mission and Outreach	(952)	0	0	(952)	(375)
Administration	(6,067)	0	0	(6,067)	(5,751)
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	(9,017)	(3,115)	0	(12,132)	(7,891)
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**11. GOVERNANCE**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Governance Costs	0	0	0	0	0
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**12. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
Utilities	(27,278)	0	0	(27,278)	(14,236)
Repairs and Maintenance		(8,739)	0	(8,739)	(22,127)
Insurances	(3,573)	0	0	(3,573)	(4,958)
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	(30,851)	(8,739)	0	(39,590)	(41,321)
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**13. GRANTS TO MISSIONS AND CHARITIES**

	<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>Restricted Funds</b>	<b>Endowment Funds</b>	<b>Total 2022</b>	<b>Total 2021</b>
	£	£	£	£	£
United Appeal	0	(9,146)	0	(9,146)	(11,105)
Other PCI Schemes	0	(985)	0	(985)	(574)
Other Missions and Charities	(1,000)	0	0	(1,000)	(150)
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	(1,000)	(10,131)	0	(11,131)	(11,829)
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**14. FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Balance at start</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Payment</b>	<b>Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>Transfer</b>	<b>Balance at end</b>
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted Funds</b>						
General Fund	57,223	103,158	(120,293)	(17,135)	(2,615)	37,473
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	57,223	103,158	(120,293)	(17,135)	(2,615)	37,473
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<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Building Fund	46,836	11,670	(8,739)	2,931	0	49,767
United Appeal	9,146	8,518	(9,146)	(628)	1,689	10,207
Benevolent Fund	5,498	899	0	899	0	6,397
Intern Programme	7,700	0	0	0	0	7,700
Organisations	3,520	256	0	256	0	3,776
Orphan Society	1	0	(326)	(326)	326	1
World Development Appeal	495	425	(316)	109	0	604
Moderators Appeal	0	2,200	(78)	2,122	0	2,122
Student Bursary Fund	265	66	(265)	(199)	0	66
Storehouse	20	0	0	0	0	20
Music @ McQuiston	615	0	(615)	(615)	0	0
Charity Donations	0	200	0	200	0	200
Presentation	0	1,900	(2,500)	(600)	600	0
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	74,096	26,134	(21,985)	4,149	2,615	80,860
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<b>Total</b>	<b>131,319</b>	<b>129,292</b>	<b>(142,278)</b>	<b>(12,986)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>118,333</b>
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**31 December 2022**

**15. FIXED ASSETS**

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at 83 Castlereagh Road, Belfast, BT5 5FE and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. The congregation also owns the Manse at 52 Kings Road, Belfast, BT5 6JL and the associated fixtures and fittings. These have an insurance value of £6,164,139 and £403,342 respectively.

**16. INVESTMENTS**

The congregation has the following investments held within the Presbyterian Church in Ireland General Investment Fund Scheme. Amounts are shown at market valuation.

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	£	£
<b>General Investment Fund</b>		
S Robinson Bequest	83,652	91,145
Stewart Gift	1,650	1,798
Miss M McCochrane	16,266	17,723
Miss R Richardson Estate	1,320	1,438
Mrs Henry	1,002	1,092
Miss R Firth Gift	1,650	1,798
PWA	1,051	1,145
Miss E Stewart Bequest	2,188	2,383
Mrs Jordan	1,821	1,984
Mrs M Sloan	1,393	1,518
Mrs M Nesbitt	1,821	1,984
Mrs M Hughes	355	386
Mrs E Kerr	440	479
Miss V Graham	1,894	2,064
Mrs C Kenny Bequest	2,835	3,089
Mrs L Wilson	1,735	1,891
Anonymous Donation	3,972	4,328
Rev S Eaton	39,021	42,516
Johnston Family Memorial Gift	10,143	11,052
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	174,209	189,813
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**17. CHURCH ORGANISATION FUNDS**

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Organisation</b>		
Aerobics	229	229
Badminton	213	213
Boys Brigade	5,707	5,482
Choir	24	24
Flower Committee	146	375
Fund Raising	45,860	41,644
Girl Guides	369	369
Ladies Fellowship	0	0
Luncheon Club	1,086	1,086
McQuiston Toddlers	238	238
Senior Members	1,108	1,108
Sunday School	2,543	2,115
Take Two	88	88
Transformers	4	211
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	<b>57,615</b>	<b>53,182</b>
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**18. LIABILITIES**

The congregation has no liabilities.

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**RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

One of the Trustees, the minister of the congregation received remuneration of £22,586 and allowances & expenses of £5,010 for acting in that capacity. Pension contribution of £5,420 was paid by the congregation in respect of the minister to the Presbyterian Church in Ireland Pension Scheme (2009). None of the other trustees received any remuneration.

During the year the congregation contributed the following amounts to Funds of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland a separate charity:

£11,001	for congregational assessments
£9,146	towards the United Appeal
£316	towards the World Development Appeal
£78	towards the Moderator's Appeal
£265	towards the Students Bursary Fund

There were no other related transactions.

**McQuiston Memorial Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104506

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# Annual report

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**McQUISTON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland**

**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for the  
year ended 31 December 2022**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104506)**

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## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

## **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

McQuiston Memorial congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland  
83 Castlereagh Road, Belfast, BT5 5FE.  
Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104506).

## **CHARITY TRUSTEES**

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report were:

Rev R J Beggs (Retired 31 July 2022)	W J Best
W A Bousfield	S D Briggs
DD Craig (Retired 22 March 2022)	K R Galbraith
M J Gardner	A I Graham (Retired 25 January 2022)
R J Graham	H J Hawthorne
J N Hunter (Deceased 25 Nov 2022)	J Hunter (Retired 25 January 2022)
A L Johnston	E J Kelso
N Maynes	S McAllister
P McKeown	S O Quinn
K R Sergeant	M H Sergeant
J C Shivers	I Smyth
K R Wray	L M Wray
P A Wray	R S Wray

## **PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister	Rev R J Beggs (Retired 31 July 2022)
Clerk of Session	Mr J C Shivers (Jan-Oct)
Clerk of Session	Mr K R Galbraith (Oct-Dec)
Treasurer	Mr T R Graham
Secretary	Miss M J Gardner

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## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

Mr David Hooks  
250 Donaghadee Road  
Bangor  
Co Down  
BT19 6NH

### **BANKERS**

Ulster Bank Ltd  
37 High Street  
Carrickfergus  
Co Antrim  
BT38 7AN

### **SOLICITORS**

Hewitt & Gilpin  
73 Holywood Road  
Belfast  
BT4 3BA

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## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

### **STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **The Kirk Session**

The charity trustees of the congregation are the members of its Kirk Session. Under the congregation's governing document, The Code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Kirk Session seeks to watch over and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation and of persons not connected with any congregation who are within its bounds. It ensures pastoral care is in place in the congregation and seeks to further the contribution of the Church to Christian witness and service in the local community. The Kirk Session has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the congregation. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the minister in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk Session are held every fourth Tuesday of the calendar month except June, July, August and December. Other meetings of the Kirk Session are arranged as required.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of the votes off those who vote.

#### **Presbytery**

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. McQuiston Memorial congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the East Belfast Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.

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## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

### **The General Assembly**

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administration and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted during June for worship and to conduct its business. This year the meeting was held from 22 June to 25 June 2022. At the end of business it is dissolved. The membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

### **DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

The charitable purpose of the congregation is the advancement of religion.

McQuiston Memorial congregation of the Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregation's mission purpose is "Jesus centred – People focused". This is demonstrated as follows that by the grace of God, to help people of all ages become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our vision is, by the grace of God, to be an inclusive, welcoming community of Christ's people of all ages, which:

- is increasingly characterised by love for God, and love and concern for others;
- is committed to the historic Christian gospel as revealed in the Bible;
- is relevant to people of this time and place.

The congregation aims to live out its Mission and Vision as a family of God's people by being:

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward Him and toward one another.
- Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.

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## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

- As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice.

## **ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and welcomes visitors to worship with us. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on several occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds Bible study meetings (Discipleship Groups) and prayer meetings each fortnight on a Wednesday evening. We also have a wide range of organisations and activities including:

- Sunday School known as MnM Kids
- McQuiston Tots
- Craic 'n' Coffee
- Coffee with Jesus Ladies Study Group
- Senior Members Fellowship
- Redcar Crafts
- Youth Club known as Transformers
- Boys' Brigade – Anchor Boys, Junior and Company Sections
- Discipleship Groups
- Praise Group
- Pastoral Visitation

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

### **1. ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

#### **Worship and Prayer**

Progressing on from the devastation of Covid 19 the congregation continues to adapt and rebuild. We now meet for worship each Sunday at 11.00am and on the First and third Sundays each month at 7.00pm. The Bible Study (Discipleship Groups) provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer. The Prayer Time and Discipleship groups meet on the second and fourth Wednesday evenings each month.

An essential and vital part of our Christian witness is prayer. Accordingly we meet for times of specific prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledge God's gift of new life at Sacraments of Baptism but we had no baptisms this year. We had one celebration of Holy Matrimony. In addition we had 14 members who died during the year and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

A Remembrance Day service was held in November. In December we held our annual carol service which was well attended and was also streamed live.

## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

On 31 December 2022 there were 107 communicant members and over 206 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship was just over 70 persons. An average of 97 persons per week visited the on-line service.

A What's App prayer group (operating by mobile texting) continues faithful ongoing prayer cover for Church members and other non-members, as well as prayer for situations at home and overseas. A joy continues to be the many answers to prayer.

We continue to support our food bank with groceries/essential food items which are given to the needy in the area. Our Outreach worker continues to ensure that the food is distributed to European migrants and members of the local community in need. During the Easter and Christmas periods he and a number of Elders brought gifts to many within that migrant population.

### Mission and outreach

The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. This fund enables congregations to support the wider mission of the denomination and to do mission and outreach on a denominational basis beyond what the congregation could do on its own. The United Appeal Fund provides financial support for mission personnel at home and overseas, assists congregations with the deployment of locally based staff, enables church planting, provides grant support for the upkeep of church premises, assist with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregations in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care. It is pleasing to note that the congregation reached its "*Target of Honour*" set by the Presbytery.

The congregation also contributes to the denomination's annual World Development Appeal, The Presbyterian Children's Society, the Samaritans Purse Shoebox Appeal at Christmas and other special appeals.

During the Easter period our senior members received an Easter greetings card and a small gift. Our work with Elmgrove and Euston Street Primary schools continued as they held a lovely colouring competition and prizes were awarded to the winners.

Just prior to Christmas 70 bags of shortbread were distributed to local neighbours either side of the church building and shops/businesses on the Castlereagh Road.

Our outreach work continued to develop in two local primary schools. Two elders continue to undertake the "Better Reading Partnership" programme on three mornings with three children developing their reading ability. Working with P7 classes continued with cookie decorating, planting summer bedding plants and arts and crafts work. The annual Easter arts completion continues to be a popular event.

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## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

In October Belfast held its annual marathon and we deferred our morning worship whilst cups of water were offered to the runners and tea/coffee and bacon baps to the spectators.

### **Presbytery**

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of East Belfast Presbytery by our minister and / or one of the elders. This provides an important link between the congregations and the wider structures of the church. A report of each Presbytery meeting is given to the Kirk Session.

### **General Assembly**

The minister and one of our elders were nominated to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast. Our Minister and Clerk of Kirk Session attended and were greatly impressed by the way affairs were conducted. A report is given to Kirk Session on the work presented.

Mr JC Shivers reported on his attendance at General Assembly in June 2022. This year there was a new format with General Assembly commencing on a Wednesday and finishing on a Saturday. He highlighted the following :-

PCI Have 31 students in training

Guysmere is to be upgraded and used for the benefit of younger members of our church.

A document on allowing people with a learning disability to become full members of churches. A paper will go to Presbyteries and final decisions for next year's General Assembly.

Updating of the PCI Code.

### **Property**

The general maintenance work carried out in and around the church and manse goes on in an effort to keep the property up to a high standard a high standard. Whilst it was agreed to replace the front doors with uPVC doors. This work has not yet proceeded and it has still to go to Presbytery and the General Assembly Architecture Committee before work can commence.

With the retirement of our minister, the manse is now vacant and there is work be carried out update it I.e. new kitchen and creation of a utility area.

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## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

### **Organisations**

In the aftermath of Covid 19 some of the organisations that we would have traditionally had operating have yet to start. These are The Ladies Fellowship (Presbyterian Women), the Luncheon Club, The Mens Fellowship (SHED) and the film club Take Two.

### **Sunday**

Our Services of worship and praise continued throughout the year as already detailed . In July our minister, Rev. Robert Beggs, retired after serving twenty one years with us and our congregation became a “vacant” pulpit. We came under the oversight of a Commission of East Belfast Presbytery who appointed the Rev. Richard McIlHatton as Vacancy Commission Convenor who managed the provision of preachers. The services were coordinated by our musical director Mark McKeown who organised the order of the services and managed a rota of service leaders who led the services up to the sermon.

Our praise group continued to meet and practise new pieces of praise with a view to introducing them to the congregation.

A crèche is available every Sunday morning for all pre-school children attending church. At present we have 2 babies and 4 toddlers who are looked after by women from our congregation. A rota system is in operation throughout the year to make sure every Sunday is covered.

Our Sunday school, known as MnM Kids continued and 2022 has been an interesting year for the young people in McQuiston with Messy Church being continued to supplement our children’s ministry. At all times we aim to provide a safe environment for the young people. God is at the centre of all we do and the activities we provide.

As the year continued it was proposed to return to a similar timetable for the young people as was observed before covid-19. Children would join the church service and leave during the service for their programme.

We have a consistent number of children weekly with 11 children attending. This number may vary slightly but we are prepared for an increase or decrease in our attendance. The weekly leaders Heather Sergeant and Kerry Sutton are also helped by a young teen in the church who faithfully attends every week and helps in many different ways. The programme theme each week is the same for all children but we have activities which are specific for both KS1 and KS2 to enhance and support the lessons. We have been working through the themes, “Jesus is our hero” and more recently “The life of Jesus” in accordance to the Gospel of Matthew.

### **Monday**

There are currently no organisations meeting on a Monday

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## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

### **Tuesday**

Craic 'n' Coffee, our coffee drop in, continues to provide a warm and comfortable location for anyone to rest and have fellowship with friend and strangers alike. It available each Tuesday from 10.00am to 11.30am except in July and August The Senior Members Fellowship also resumed and now meets once a month on a Tuesday afternoon.

### **Wednesday**

Redcar Crafts did start albeit in a reduced format in late November 2021 and has since moved from Wednesday evening to Wednesday morning.

### **Thursday**

Coffee with Jesus

Coffee with Jesus is exactly what it claims to be, a time of studying God's word, prayer, alongside coffee and cake.

Women from the congregation meet at 9.30-10.30am in the Youth Room (two Thursdays a month) where we have a coffee and catch up and discuss the chapters of the book which we have read in advance.

We have recently completed Cathy Madavan's Digging for Diamonds. This book challenged us to discover more of the life-transforming treasures of our identity, strength, character and purpose that God has already placed within us.

Each time we meet we end with a time of prayer; praying for one another, the church, the world and anything/anyone else the Lord puts on our hearts.

This group has really been an encouragement to the women involved and their commitment to it has proven how important they think it is as part of their faith journey.

If you would be interested in coming along or would like some further information about the books we study, please speak to Paula McKeown

Transformers

We continue to meet in the church halls Thursday evenings. We have 16 children on our roll and most attend each week. As usual our night follows a routine of circle time where the children share what they have done from the previous Thursday. We then share a Bible story and either a quiz or craft. Games are always a favourite especially football and relay races. We end the night with juice and biscuits.

We have 4 faithful leaders each week and 2 helpers, without their help Transformers wouldn't function.

We pray with the children before the parents come back to collect them. No matter what we do each week God is with us, His love is so important to us.

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## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

### Friday

#### McQuiston Toddlers

Following a great first year at toddlers, we look forward to seeing how God continues to bless us as we head into the next school year.

Over the past 12 months we have welcomed several new families through the doors of our church to join us each Friday morning for play time, music and snacks.

Many of the families returned week after week, which has been incredibly encouraging for the leaders. We are so grateful to God for the relationships that have been formed, and continue to pray for opportunities to reach out to those in our local community as we prepare for the year ahead.

Toddlers meet on Friday, of each week from 10.00-11.30. All toddlers of pre-school age and their parents, grandparents or carers are very welcome.

#### Boys Brigade

In 2022 the 19<sup>th</sup> Company Boys' Brigade, as we emerged from Covid restrictions, continued to operate as we had at the start of our last session in October 2021. We resumed the face-to-face activities at the church on a weekly basis, with restrictions such as social distancing, hand washing/sanitising, opening windows for ventilation are still in place. The programme has now been based on resources produced by Boys Brigade HQ, including themed programmes of physical, mental and spiritual activities. The themed programmes have been a great success, with the Anchors Boys enjoying dinosaur nights, Junior section enjoying World War 2, and Seniors enjoying a James Bond theme.

The boys continue to work for their badges and awards and prepare for our parents night in May which is great fun for both the boys and parents, who get involved in many of the games.

The highest award in the BB is the Queen's Badge is currently being worked toward by the 3 senior boys - Michael Greenwood, Aaron Greenwood and Ross Elliott.

It has been great to have the boys back to face-to-face activities in the church, watching them grow in their faith, and seeing them enjoying themselves with their friends.

We have a great team of dedicated leaders, and we are very grateful for all the work and passion they put into advancing Christ's Kingdom among boys.

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## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

### **Boys Brigade (con'd)**

We would also be extremely grateful of new potential leaders who could prayerfully consider joining our team in our mission to advance Christ's Kingdom among boys in the local neighbourhood. Thanks for all your help, support and prayer for our BB in McQuiston; it means so much to all the boys and their leaders.

### **Miscellaneous**

As in previous years around Christmas a number of Elders and Mr. McCandless prepared and packaged gifts for our senior members. These were delivered to their homes and were well received.

Gifts of shortbread biscuits were delved to the businesses in the local area.

Our Christmas Carols service at twilight was performed on Sunday evening 19 December with a large congregation. This service was also broadcast live on-line. Some light refreshments were served at its conclusion.

### **Volunteers**

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on committees and helping with organisations and other church activities.

## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

### **PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of religion.

The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church's subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled and bereaved).

Generally the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of noticeboards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the services and informal and ad-hoc feedback from members, their families, and members of the public.

The purpose does not lead to harm. The only private benefit flowing from our purpose is related to Ministers, Missionaries, Deaconesses, Irish Mission workers and Lay Agents who receive benefits as a result of their holding office or employment. However, this is incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purpose. There are no other private benefits. The beneficiaries of this purpose are members, their families, other individuals that the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is in direct and indirect contact with, the community in which pastoral services are provided and other communities throughout Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and worldwide which benefit from our engagement with and support for both Christian and other secular organisations, charities and individual members of the public.

The Kirk Session has had regard to the Charity Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

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## **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 168 contributors during the year (same 2021) donating a total of £64,337 (£70,520 in 2021).

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £129,292 compared to £132,602 in the previous year.

Total expenditure decreased from £158,422 in 2021 to £142,278 in 2022.

### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the congregation in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

As the congregation's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 24 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by

Rev. Philip Boyd  
Minister  
24 October 2023

KR Galbraith  
Clerk of Session  
24 October 2023

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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## TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

### RISK REVIEW

A review of major risks has been undertaken by the Trustees and systems and procedures implemented to manage identified risks. The principal risks are in relation to the likelihood of reputational damage and financial risks associated with the expectation of ongoing financial support from members. These risks are mitigated by the Trustees, and the Congregational Committee, regularly monitoring the various activities of the congregation at stated meetings and by encouraging members in their regular giving.

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 24 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by

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Minister

Date 24 October 2023

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Clerk of Session

Date 24 October 2023

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Northern Ireland - Charity number 104506

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# Annual return

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## **McQUISTON MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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**Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements for  
the year ended 31 December 2022**

**Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104506)**

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**QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
MCQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND**

I report on the accounts of McQuiston Memorial Presbyterian Church for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, which are set out on pages 2 to 14 of the attached financial statements.

**Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner**

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my 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**

I have examined your charity accounts 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.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity 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.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me 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.

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**QUALIFIED INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
McQUISTON MEMORIAL CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND (cont'd)**

**Independent examiner's statement**

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I found no matters that require drawing to your attention.



Name: David Hooks

Relevant professional body: Chartered Accountant

Address: 250 Donaghadee Road  
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Date: 11 September 2023