

Armagh Road (Portadown) Congregation of The Presbyterian Church in Ireland

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

Registered Charity in N Ireland

NIC104848

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Trustees annual report

Trustee's report, Charity Trustees, Officers, Structure and Management, Description and purpose, Activities and objectives, Achievements, Pastoral Care, Mission and outreach, Organizations, Public benefit statement, financial review.

The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Armagh Road (Portadown) Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

27 CHURCH STREET PORTADOWN CRAIGAVON BT62 3LN

REGISTERED CHARITY IN NORTHERN IRELAND (NIC104848)

Charity Trustees

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the time of the report were

Name

Mr James Bamford	Mr Carlo Hughes	Mr Desmond Rainey
Mrs Irene Bowman	Mr Billy Jackson♦	Mrs Moyra Stirling
Mr John Bradfield	Mr John Kilner	Ms Ruth Stirling
Mrs Dawn Conner	Dr David Lowry	Mrs Carol Swann
Mr Nigel Conner	Mrs Rosemary McCall	Mr George Swann
Mrs Roberta Dunlop	Rev Nigel McCullough	Mrs Betty Wilson
Mr Mervyn Gilmour	Miss Angela Neilly	Mr Michael Wilson
Mr Mitchell Graham	Mrs Joyce Neilly	
Mr Arnold Hatch	Mr Sam Paul	

♦Retired

Principal office Bearers

Minister	Rev Nigel McCullough
Clerk of Session	Dr David Lowry
Treasurer	Mr James Bamford
Independent Examiner	David Pepper
Bankers	Ulster Bank 20 High Street Portadown Craigavon BT62 1HZ
Solicitors	T D Gibson & Co 17-21 Church Street Portadown, Craigavon BT62 1HL

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 the government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Kirk Session seeks to watch over and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation and of the 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 vote but only a casting vote.

Stated meeting of the Kirk Session are held in January, March, May, September, November or as appropriate.

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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 (the vote of) two-thirds of 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 congregation assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Armagh Road (Portadown) congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Armagh 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

Public Benefit Statement

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland meets the public benefit requirements by providing benefit to its members and the 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 using notice boards, printed material, press advertisement, websites and social media or other ways.

The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the service 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 because of their holding office or employment. However, this is incidental and necessary 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.

Financial Review

The congregations' main sources of income are members' contributions through the Freewill Weekly Offering (FWO), Property and Mission envelopes. There were (128) contributors during the year, (136) in previous year, 2023, donating a total of £105379, previous year £111,539.

Total income of the congregation during the year was £116,622 (includes £3724 from organisations), compared to £127,769 in the previous year.

Total expenditure was £125,446 (includes £1104) from organisations), compared to £94,524 in the previous year.

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 61(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payments account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

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.

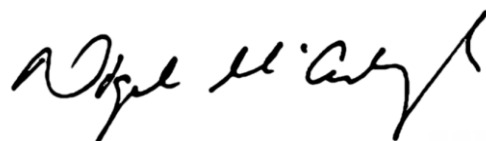
Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on (enter date) and signed on its behalf by

Name David Lowry



Date April 2025

Name Rev. Nigel Mc Cullough



Date April 2025