

Lislooney Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 104945

Details

Status	Received
Registered	2016-08-17
Register	View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register

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Activities

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

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£68,288	£53,852	£0	0

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Mr George Fitzroy Mcaree		
Mr Harry Dunwoody		
Mr Ivan Thompson		
Mr Ivor Berry		
Mr Thomas James Scott		
Mr Thomas Taylor		

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Accounts

**LISLOONEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH IN IRELAND**

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

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LISLOONEY CONGRAGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

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Derryhaw Road, Tynan, Co Armagh
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The Kirk Session has had regard to the Charity Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.

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FINANCIAL REVIEW

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Total expenditure of the congregation during the year was £53,852, £45,158 in previous year 2023.

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

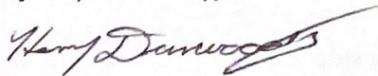
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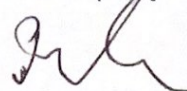
Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 25TH March 2025 and signed on its behalf by

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Total Income of the congregation during the year was £68,250, £56,318 in previous year 2022

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

[Harry Dunwoody]



[22/04/24]

[Ivan Thompson]



[22/04/24]

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Annual report

LISLOONEY 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
		£	£	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>						
Donations and legacies	2	42864	13405	-	56269	47922
Charitable activities	3	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	4	5500	-	-	5500	5500
Investment Income	5	630	2498	-	3128	309
Other	6	3113	240	-	3353	2587
				-		
<u>Total Receipts</u>		52107	16143	-	68250	56318
<u>Payments</u>				-		
Raising funds	7	-		-	-	
Charitable activities	8	41613	3277	-	44890	44977
Other	9	-	268	-	268	570
Total Payments		41613	3545	-	45158	45547
Net Receipts/(Payments)		10494	12598	-	23092	10771
Transfers between funds		(-2997)	2997	-	-	-
Net movement funds		7497	15595	-	23092	10771
Funds brought forward		49943	226996	-	276939	266168
Funds brought forward	10	57440	242591	-	300031	276939

**LISLOONEY 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
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	49943	226996	-	276939	266168
Net movement in funds	7497	15595	-	23092	10771
Bank and Cash at end of year	57440	242591	-	300031	276939
Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts	-	136945	-	136945	135526
Bank Current Accounts	57440	105646	-	163086	141413
Cash in Hand	-	-	-	-	-

Other Assets

Fixed Assets –

Lislooney Church Buildings, and attached Church Hall, at 24 Derryhaw Road Tynan

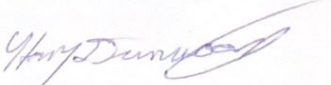
Manse House at 9 Elm Park Road, Killylea

Manse Farm, (30 acres)

	Total2023	Total2022
Investment Fund	-	5743
Liabilities	-	-

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 22/04/2024 and signed on its behalf by

[Harry Dunwoody]



[22/04/24]

[Ivan Thompson]



[22/04/24]

LISLOONEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation 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.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:	37842	6375	-	44217	34875
Loose collections	527	-	-	527	2680
Donations and gifts	-	6133	-	6133	4850
Gift Aid	4373	896	-	5269	5390
Legacies and bequest	122	-	-	122	127

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2023

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Fees from weddings and funerals	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Membership fees	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	5500	-	-	5500	5500

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	630	1079	-	1709	191
General Investment Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Rents investment properties	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	-	1419	-	1419	118

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	3113	240	-	3353	2587

LISLOONEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2023

7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	-

8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	7381	-	-	7381	7021
Presbytery fees	-	-	-	-	-
Ministry and support staff costs	22597	-	-	22597	21291
Congregational running expenses	11635	-	-	11635	12720
Donations to Missions and charities	-	-	-	-	-
Governance costs	-	3277	-	3277	3945

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Repairs	-	268	-	268	570

LISLOONEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2023

10. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payments	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end 2023	Balance at end 2022
	£	£	£		£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds							
General Fund	49943	52107	41613	7497	(2997)	57440	49943
Restricted Funds							
Building fund	88857	14484	268	14216	-	103073	88857
Graveyard account	1972	-	-	-	-	1972	1972
Repair a/c Danske	74693	560	-	560	-	75253	74693
Repair a/c Ulster	60833	859	-	859	-	61692	60833
PWA	461	240	280	(40)	-	421	461
Bowling Club	0	0	0	0	-	0	0
Badminton Club	0	0	0	0	-	0	180
Total Restricted	226996	16143	548	15595	-	242591	226996
Total Funds	276939	68250	42161	23092	(2997)	300031	276939

Lislooney Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104945

Annual return

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Lislooney Presbyterian Church

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2023

Respective responsibilities of the 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
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- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

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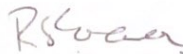
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Independent examiner's statement

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Name: Mr Robin Sloane



Address: 7 Kennedies Road, Killylea, Co Armagh, BT60 4NQ

Date: 10 March 2024

Lislooney Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104945

Accounts

**LISLOONEY 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 (NIC104945)

LISLOONEY CONGRAGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

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

Lislooney congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Derryhaw Road, Tynan, Co Armagh
Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC104945)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Mr Harry Dunwoody
Mr Ivor Berry
Mr Thomas Taylor
Mr David McCrea

Mr George McAree
Mr Jim Scott

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister
Clerk of Session
Treasurers

Reverend Ivan Thompson
Mr Harry Dunwoody
Mr George McAree/Mr Philip Ewart

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

Mr Robin Sloan

BANKERS

UlsterBank
Armagh

First Trust
Dungannon

Danske Bank
Armagh

SOLICITOR

JJ Taylor & Co Solicitors
1 Mallview Terrace, Armagh BT60 9AN

LISLOONEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND 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 Sessions 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 congregations. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the ministers in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held at least twice in each year or as appropriate. 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 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. Lislooney 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.

LISLOONEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND 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 the first week in June for worship and to conduct its business. 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.

Lislooney 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 congregations' mission purposes is 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*
- *An 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.*

**LISLOONEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lords Supper is observed on three 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 weekly bible study meetings and has a wide range of organisations including

- Sunday School
- Badminton club

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 10.30am. During the week the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledged God's gift of new life at 1 Sacraments of Baptism, we conducted marriage services and gave thanks for faithful services and sought to comfort those who had been bereaved during the year.

At 31 December 2022 there were 132 communicant members and 90 families connected with the congregations. The average week attendance at morning worship is 80

Pastoral care

Members of the congregation who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited on a regular basis by the minister or an elder.

Mission and outreach

At a local level the congregation reaches out through an annual holiday bible club and church services which are open to all the community.

**LISLOONEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

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 congregation in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

The congregation also contributes to the denominations annual World Development Appeal, Sunday School project and any other special appeals.

Presbytery The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of 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.

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, in June.

Property

There were no major repairs carried out during the year.

Organisations

The badminton club meets weekly with approx. 15 attending ageing from 10 to 60 years of age. The bowling club meets weekly with approx. 12 joining in each week.

The PW meets monthly and depending on the topic, numbers can range from 15 to 40 women of various age groups.

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.

**LISLOONEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
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 notice boards, 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.

**LISLOONEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)**

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 110 contributors during the year donating a total of £29072.40, £ 30121.00 in previous year, 2021

Total Income of the congregation during the year was £56,318.00, £49,813.00 in previous year 2021

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

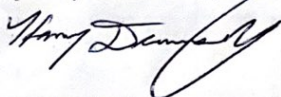
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As the congregation's total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 208 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

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 18th April 2023 and signed on its behalf by

[Harry Dunwoody]



[18/04/23]

[Ivan Thompson]



[18/04/23]

Lislooney Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104945

Annual report

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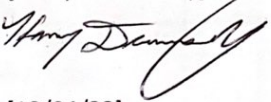
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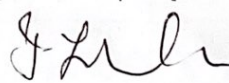
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LISLOONEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
<u>Receipts</u>						
Donations and legacies	2	36386	11536	-	47922	42889
Charitable activities	3	-	-	-	-	-
Other trading activities	4	5500	-	-	5500	4500
Investment Income	5	75	234	-	309	393
Other	6	2304	283	-	2587	2031
				-		
<u>Total Receipts</u>		44265	12053	-	56318	49813
<u>Payments</u>				-		
Raising funds	7	-	-	-	-	250
Charitable activities	8	41032	3945	-	44977	37789
Other	9	-	570	-	570	340
Total Payments		41032	4515	-	45547	38379
Net Receipts/(Payments)		3233	7538	-	10771	11434
Transfers between funds		(-2720)	2720	-	-	-
Net movement funds		513	10258	-	10771	10206
Funds brought forward		49430	216738	-	266168	255963
Funds brought forward	10	49943	226996	-	276939	266168

LISLOONEY 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
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	49430	216738		266168	255962
Net movement in funds	513	10258		10771	10206
Bank and Cash at end of year	49943	226996		276939	266168
Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts	-	135526		135526	135408
Bank Current Accounts	49943	91470		141413	130760
Cash in Hand	-	-	-	-	-

Other Assets

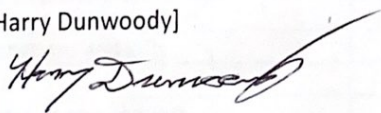
Fixed Assets –

Lislooney Church Buildings, and attached Church Hall, at 24 Derryhaw Road Tynan
 Manse House at 9 Elm Park Road, Killylea
 Manse Farm, (30 acres)

	Total2022	Total2021
Investment Fund	£5743	6258
Liabilities	-	-

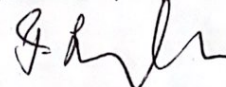
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LISLOONEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation 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.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:	29072	5803	-	34875	36006
Loose collections	2680	-	-	2680	625
Donations and gifts	-	4850	-	4850	2100
Gift Aid	4507	883	-	5390	6249
Legacies and bequest	127	-	-	127	108

LISLOONEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2022

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Income from charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-
Fees from weddings and funerals	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
Membership fees	-	-	-	-	-
Grants	-	-	-	-	-

4. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of premises	5500	-	-	5500	4500

5. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	75	116	-	191	108
General Investment Fund	-	-	-	-	-
Rents investment properties	-	-	-	-	-
Other investment income	-	118	-	118	-

6. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	2304	283	-	2587	1466

LISLOONEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2022

7. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	-	-	-	-	-
Fundraising costs	-	-	-	-	250

8. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	7021	-	-	7021	6948
Presbytery fees	-	-	-	-	-
Ministry and support staff costs	21291	-	-	21291	20563
Congregational running expenses	12720	-	-	12720	9993
Donations to Missions and charities	-	-	-	-	-
Governance costs	-	3945	-	3945	285

9. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Repairs	-	570	-	570	340

LISLOONEY CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2022

10. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payments	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	Balance at end 2022	Balance at end 2021
	£	£	£		£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds							
General Fund	49430	44265	41032	513	(2720)	49943	49430
Restricted Funds							
Building fund	77775	11652	570	11082	0	88857	77775
Graveyard account	1972	0	0	0	0	1972	1972
Repair a/c Danske	74581	112	0	112	0	74693	74581
Repair a/c Ulster	60827	6	0	6	0	60833	60827
PWA	461	283	283	0	0	461	461
Bowling Club	942		942	(942)	0	0	942
Badminton Club	180	0	0	0	0	180	180
Total Restricted	216738	12053	1795	10258	0	226996	216738
Total Funds	266168	56318	42827	10771	(2720)	276939	266168

Lislooney Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 104945

Annual return

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I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2021

Respective responsibilities of the 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
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Basis of the independent examiners report

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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.

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 the following Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland; I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: Mr Robin Sloane



Address: 7 Kennedies Road, Killylea, Co Armagh, BT60 4NQ

Date: 10 March 2023