

Thornhill Ministries Ltd

Trustees' Annual Report for the Year Ended 30 June 2022

Report of the trustees for the year ending 30 June 2022

The Directors are pleased to present their annual report together with the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 30 June 2022 which are also prepared to meet the requirements for a Directors' report and accounts for Companies Act purposes.

The financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, Companies Act 2006, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015.)

The company is governed by a Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 16/01/07. The company number is NI041911 and the registered office is 121 Culmore Road, Derry, BT48 8JF. The company is a registered Northern Ireland charity - reference NIC 105114.

Directors and trustees

The directors of the charitable company (the Charity) are the trustees for the purpose of charity law. The Directors during the year and at the 30 June 2022 were as follows:

Mr Pat McLaughlin (Chairperson)
Sister Perpetua McNulty
Mrs Anne MacCrossan
Mrs Deidre McDowell
Sister Margaret Tracey

Mr Colm McGrellis
Miss Mary Devine
Mr John Herron
Miss Helen McNicholl

Chair's report

Throughout the last year, the online delivery of activities continued and in-person engagements started again. It was only in the last months of this year's work that places of worship experienced the return of congregations. The limited involvement of laity in ministry in the Church (because of the pandemic) has meant that there have been no requests for training or reflection days.

The Trustees acknowledge that the pandemic has greatly reduced the Church-based activities of Thornhill Ministries. However, the contribution of our generous volunteers continues to be valued and essential. In particular, the readiness and willingness of Prayer Guides to assist with the Seasonal Activities in parish contexts has made it possible to offer prayer opportunities online and/or via webcams. The efforts of volunteers in preparing and uploading materials on Facebook is a benefit to many.

Our purposes and activities

The objects of the Charity provide for opportunities of prayer, exploration of spirituality, renewal, reflection and adult faith formation. The Charity continues to be open to people of faith, to others who are searching for meaning in their lives, to those seeking contemplative opportunities, and to individuals who seek spiritual direction. A priority of Thornhill Ministries is to ensure that its objects are accessible to all - including those who belong to low income groups.

In monitoring the objectives and planning for our activities, the Trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit requirement (PBR1). We are open to and actively encourage the whole community to join with us in our ministries and in our prayer.

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Our volunteers

The consistent efforts of volunteers in helping with distribution of our Lenten Calendars, our annual Christmas Cards, creative craftwork or in assisting with the recycling of clothing has helped with our modest fundraising. The Trustees greatly appreciate all who in any way support the Company's efforts to realize our Objectives, albeit in limited circumstances.

Achievements and performance

Despite the challenges of the pandemic Thornhill Ministries has continued to offer the following:-

Individual Prayer Guidance (monthly) via zoom
Oasis Hours, (Advent, Lent and termly) via zoom
Advent and Lenten (weekly)
Guided Prayer (weekly throughout the year via webcam)
Scripture Guided Prayer (Advent and Lent via parish webcam x 2)
'Let's talk Church Music' and 'Bring a Hymn' via zoom
'Beyond the Bruising' Summer retreat (August) via zoom

In-person activities:-

Advent Retreat Morning to faith communities (weekly for the season x 2 groups)
Lenten Scripture Mornings to a faith community (weekly)
Church Music Support (weekly x 2 parishes)
Sacramental Preparation (weekly)
Spiritual Direction (monthly)
Taize Prayer (Lent x 3)
Mindfulness Reflection Evening (one-off)
Pre-Confirmation Retreat (one-off)
Liturgy training (t

Financial review

During the year total income of £12,406 was received. Total costs for the year were £11,053 including depreciation of £135. This resulted in a surplus for the year of £1,353. When added to opening reserves of £32,068 it left the Charity with reserves of £33,421 at the year end which are all unrestricted.

The Trustees were pleased with the results for the year. The reserves at the year-end were all unrestricted.

Reserves policy and going concern

Reserves are needed to bridge the gap between the spending and receiving of income and to cover unplanned emergency costs. The Directors consider that reserves of £10,000 are required to meet all costs.

The Trustees have reviewed the circumstances of the Charity and consider that there are adequate funds for the foreseeable future. The Trustees are of the view that the Charity is a going concern.

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Plans for future periods

The effects of the pandemic, the necessity to let go of employees and the loss of Thornhill House have significantly impacted Thornhill Ministries. The Trustees of the Charity remain passionate to its Objects and Activities.

With the easing of restrictions, the hope of the Trustees is that the new year will bring opportunities for more in-person engagements and to reconvene the cohort of volunteers, particularly for the Prayer Guidance movement which has been largely dormant due to the pandemic. The Charity remains committed to presenting reflective processes in responding to the hunger for spiritual nourishment and is planning to lead retreat-days and liturgical training opportunities in the coming months.

Statement of trustees responsibilities

The Charity Trustees (who are also the directors of the Thornhill Ministries Ltd for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing a trustees' annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of the profit or loss of the Charity for that year.

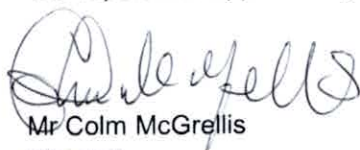
In preparing these the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions for small companies under part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The report was approved by the board on 4 October 2022 and signed on its behalf by



Mr Colm McGrellis
Director

4 October 2022