

Conlig Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland · Charity number 105279

Details

Status Received

Registered 2016-08-10

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	£106,124	£132,095	£0	1

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Brian Morrison		
Cecil Connell		
Derek Prentice		
Gail Carr		
John Donaldson		
Lynda-Jane Nelson		
Rev. John Mcconaghie		
Ronnie Maxwell		
Sheena Mcilpatrick		

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Accounts

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

**Trustees Annual Statement of Financial Activity, Assets and Liabilities
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105279)

**CONLIG 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	Total 2024	Total 2023
Receipts					
Donations	2	75114	20138	95252	118235
Charitable activities	3	615	0	615	1556
Investment Income	4	2229	1297	3526	2597
Other income	5	3344	3387	6731	7595
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Total Receipts		81302	24822	106124	129983
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Payments					
Raising funds	6	337	0	337	326
Charitable activities	7	79278	52480	131758	123599
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Total Payments		79615	52480	132095	123925
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Net receipts / (payments)		1687	(27658)	(25971)	6058
General Investment Fund		0	0	0	0
Fund Transfers		(1687)	1687	0	0
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Net movement in funds		0	(25971)	(25971)	6058
Funds brought forward		20878	44430	65308	59250
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Funds carried forward	10	20878	18459	39337	65308
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CONLIG CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
As at 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024	Total Funds 2023
	£	£		£
Funds Reconciliation				
Bank and Cash at start of year	20878	44430	65308	59250
Net movement in funds	0	(25971)	(25971)	6058
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Bank and Cash at end of year	20878	18459	39337	65308
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Bank & Cash Balances				
Bank Deposit Accounts	20444	18381	38825	61643
Bank Current Accounts	434	0	434	2899
Cash in hand	0	78	78	766
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	20878	18459	39337	65308
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Other Assets				
Fixed Assets – Note 8				
Investments – Note 9	54865	1786	56651	53227
Gift Aid receivable on donations	12100	3900	16000	15743
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	66965	5686	72651	68970
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Approved by the Kirk Session on and signed on its behalf by



Rev T J McConaghie

25 March 2025



Brian Morrison

25 March 2025

CONLIG CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

As at 31 December 2024

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

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.

2. DONATIONS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£		£
Member Identified Giving	61570	12863	74433	82237
Other Identified Giving	290	0	290	437
Unidentified Giver	1024	3567	4591	18259
Gift Aid and GASD	12230	3708	15938	17302
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	75114	20138	95252	118235
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CONLIG CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

As at 31 December 2024

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£		£
Fundraising	495	0	495	1238
Member payments	120	0	120	318
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	615	0	615	1556
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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£		£
Deposit interest	862	1282	2144	1552
Dividends	85	0	85	56
General Investment Fund	1282	15	1297	989
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	2229	1297	3526	2597
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5. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Use of church halls	2986	977	3963	5380
Refunds	358	0	358	2215
Insurance Claims	0	2410	2410	0
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	3344	3387	6731	7595
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CONLIG CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2024

6. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£
Envelope printing	255	0	255	238
Catering	82	0	82	88
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	337	0	337	326
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7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£		£
Ministry	45897	0	45897	44102
Congregational running costs	17619	0	17619	15892
Upkeep of Property	0	38820	38820	19913
General Assembly Assessments	14918	0	14918	14176
PCi United Appeal	0	5907	5907	6144
Presbytery fees	844	0	844	797
Missions and Charities	0	6719	6719	22400
Governance	0	0	0	175
Organisations	0	1034	1034	0
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	79278	52480	131758	123599
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8. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at Main Street, Conlig BT23 7PT and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant, and machinery. These have an insurance value of £2,541,331. The congregation also owns the manse situated at 54 Beechfield Drive, Bangor BT19 7ZW which had an insurance value of £321,226 at the last renewal date.

CONLIG CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2024

9. INVESTMENTS

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation.

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£		£
General Investment Fund (3877 shares)	54865	0	54865	51668
General Investment Fund Caroline Morrow (54 shares)	0	754	754	720
HSBC bank shares (132 shares held by Clerk)	0	1032	1032	839
	----- 54865 -----	----- 1786 -----	----- 56651 -----	----- 53227 -----

10. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payments	Transfers in	Transfers out	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General	20878	81302	79615	0	1687	20878
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Restricted Funds						
Property	33218	12677	38820	0	0	7075
United Appeal	0	4220	5907	1687	0	0
Missions and Charity	1136	4870	5338	0	0	668
Youth	7289	305	25	0	0	7569
Craft Group	327	312	339	0	0	300
Friendship Circle	616	355	240	0	0	731
Morrow Hamilton	993	57	0	0	0	1050
Embrace	628	3	400	0	0	231
Pastoral Care	0	1465	630	0	0	835
Kids4School	223	558	781	0	0	0
	----- 44430 -----	----- 24822 -----	----- 52480 -----	----- 1687 -----	----- 0 -----	----- 18459 -----
Total	----- 65308 -----	----- 106124 -----	----- 132095 -----	----- 1687 -----	----- 1687 -----	----- 39337 -----

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Accounts

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for the year ended 31 December 2023**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105279)

**CONLIG 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	Total 2023	Total 2022
Receipts					
Donations	2	73315	44920	118235	89706
Charitable activities	3	318	1238	1556	4925
Investment Income	4	1419	1178	2597	1019
Other income	5	6144	1451	7595	3022
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Total Receipts		81196	48787	129983	98672
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Payments					
Raising funds	6	238	88	326	376
Charitable activities	7	75348	48251	123599	91066
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Total Payments		75586	48339	123925	91442
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Net receipts / (payments)		5610	448	6058	7230
General Investment Fund	9	0	0	0	(10000)
Fund Transfers		(3037)	3037	0	0
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Net movement in funds		2573	3485	6058	(2770)
Funds brought forward		18305	40945	59250	62020
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Funds carried forward	10	20878	44430	65308	59250
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CONLIG CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
As at 31 December 2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation				
Bank and Cash at start of year	18305	40945	59250	62020
Net movement in funds	2573	3485	6058	(2770)
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Bank and Cash at end of year	20878	44430	65308	59250
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Bank & Cash Balances				
Bank Deposit Accounts	19428	42215	61643	18203
Bank Current Accounts	995	1904	2899	41707
Outstanding Payments	0	0	0	(901)
Cash in hand	455	311	766	241
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	20878	44430	65308	59250
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Other Assets				
Fixed Assets – Note 8				
Investments – Note 9	51668	1559	53227	48721
Gift Aid receivable on donations	12038	3705	15743	14083
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	63706	5264	68970	62804
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Approved by the Kirk Session on 14 February 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Rev T J McConaghie



Brian Morrison

CONLIG CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS
For the year ended 31 December 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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2. DONATIONS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Member Identified Giving	60335	21902	82237	70016
Other Identified Giving	0	437	437	1660
Unidentified Giver	2068	16191	18259	3418
Gift Aid and GASD	10912	6390	17302	14612
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	73315	44920	118235	89706
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CONLIG CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2023

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising	0	1238	1238	420
Member payments	318	0	318	75
Grants	0	0	0	4430
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	318	1238	1556	4925
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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	388	1164	1552	149
Dividends	56	0	56	29
General Investment Fund	975	14	989	841
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	1419	1178	2597	1019
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5. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Use of church halls	5380	0	5380	3015
Refunds	764	1451	2215	7
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	6144	1451	7595	3022
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CONLIG CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)
31 December 2023

6. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
Envelope printing	238	0	238	376
Catering	0	88	88	0
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	238	88	326	376
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7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	14176	0	14176	12902
Ministry	44102	0	44102	40966
Governance	175	0	175	0
Congregational running costs	16098	19707	35805	26878
Presbytery fees	797	0	797	692
Missions and charities	0	22400	22400	4351
PCI United Appeal	0	6144	6144	5277
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	75348	48251	123599	91066
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8. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at Main Street, Conlig BT23 7PT and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant, and machinery. These have an insurance value of £2,420,315. The congregation also owns the manse situated at 54 Beechfield Drive, Bangor BT19 7ZW which had an insurance value of £305,929 at the last renewal date.

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

9. INVESTMENTS

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation.

	2023	2022
	£	£
General Investment Fund (3931 shares)	52388	48040
HSBC (132 Shares held by Clerk)	839	681
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	53227	48721
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10. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payments	Transfers in	Transfers out	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General	18305	81196	75586	0	3037	20878
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Restricted Funds						
Property	31487	20759	19328	300	0	33218
United Appeal	0	3107	6144	3037	0	0
Missions and Charity	1407	4355	4113	0	513	1136
Youth	6972	317	0	0	0	7289
Craft Group	103	713	189	0	300	327
Friendship Circle	371	535	290	0	0	616
Morrow Hamilton	605	388	0	0	0	993
Embrace	0	815	187	0	0	628
Kids4School	0	17798	18088	513	0	223
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	40945	48787	48339	3850	813	44430
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Total	59250	129983	123925	3850	3850	65308
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Annual report

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

**Trustees Annual Report
for the year ended 31 December 2023**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105279)

**CONLIG CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**

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

Conlig Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
4 Main Street
Conlig
BT23 7PT

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105279)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Gail Carr (from 29 March 2023)	Sheena McIlpatrick
Cecil Connell	Brian Morrison
John Donaldson (from 29 March 2023)	Lynda-Jane Nelson (from 29 March 2023)
Ronnie Maxwell	Derek Prentice
Rev. John McConaghie	Edith Savage

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Rev. John McConaghie
Clerk of Session	Brian Morrison
Treasurer	Edith Savage

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

David Hooks
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Bangor,
BT19 6NH

BANKERS

Ulster Bank
Killeen Avenue
Bangor BT19 1ND

Progressive Building Society
6 Castle Street
Bangor BT20 4ST

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

STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

Trustees

The members of the Kirk Session (elders) are the charity trustees of the congregation. Under the congregation's governing document, The Code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland (PCI), 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.

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 General Assembly consists of the active ministers of each congregation, retired ministers and a representative elder, appointed each year, from each congregation. Edith Savage was the congregation's representative elder in 2023.

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it. The membership of the Presbytery consists of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation. PCI has assigned Conlig congregation to the Ards Presbytery. Brian Morrison is the congregation's representative elder to the Presbytery. The Presbytery provides an important link between the congregation and the wider structures of the church.

Kirk Session

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 Conlig Kirk Session are normally held every second month with a vision and planning meeting on the alternate month. Session held stated meetings in January, February, March, June, September, and November.

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

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. The congregation then elects those who obtain approval from two-thirds of those who vote. Three new elders, Gail Carr, John Donaldson, and Lynda-Jane Nelson were ordained and installed by the Ards Presbytery on 29 March 2023.

Church Committee

The Church Congregational Committee is responsible for the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering the congregational Property Fund. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee. The congregation elects members of the committee from its list of voters. To be an eligible voter a person must be a communicant member and qualify by means of a contribution to the congregation's General Fund. All purchasing, installing, and modifying of property must be paid from the Property Fund and within the limits of that fund. The General Fund is only to be used for purposes directly approved by the Trustees.

THE CONGREGATION

The charitable purpose of the congregation is the advancement of religion. As a congregation of PCI, we are a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ, grounded in the Scriptures and exist to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregation's mission purpose is to reach up to God, reach out in mission and to reach inward by discipleship, which is: increasingly characterised by love for God, and love and concern for others; committed to the historic Christian gospel as revealed in the Bible and 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.

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Everything we do should point upwards to God, we must look inward to see how we disciple our people and reach outward in mission. As we do this, we try to promote a loving culture which is evident to all. Our discipleship comes through preaching, leadership development and the work of our elders. Our outreach involves communication, pastoral care, community events and a Holiday Bible Club.

ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on three occasions during the year. All those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to partake. We hold a weekly bible study and prayer meeting (Mid Week Connection) and an Alpha course. Our children and youth are taught through our SHINE and EPIC groups. Our Craft Group meets weekly, and Oasis organises a weekly open morning. Embrace and the Friendship Circle meet monthly. All of these provide an opportunity for fellowship in our membership and outreach to the wider community. Our church family is a place of welcome and a place where, love, help, and support can be found. Everything we do points one another to God and the love He has for us. As a church we believe that prayer is the foundation of all we do.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and Prayer

The congregation met for worship each Sunday at 11.00 am. We worshiped as a church family with young families encouraged to attend via the League of Church Loyalty. Around seventy persons of all ages attended each week. As of 31 December 2023, there were eighty-four communicant members and 149 families connected with the congregation. We held prayer times each Friday morning and before the start of our Sunday service.

Each Sunday our worship was led by our praise team which included two of our elders, Lynda-Jane and John, our organists June and Sheena along with Kerry, our flute player. Our worship leader, Lynda-Jane Nelson organised and led the choir for special services including Evening Services, Easter, Elder Installation, Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas, and our 175-year opening and closing ceremonies. The choir met on Tuesday evenings and rehearsals provided a time for worship, fellowship, and friendship through the medium of song.

Midweek Connection

The Midweek Connection group met on Thursday evenings where everyone was welcome. We explored and studied, the Bible, in an encouraging and informal setting. The studies were related to the Sunday

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT (cont'd)

morning sermon or followed a bible study resource. Over the year it was wonderful to see all who attended, grow closer to God, grow in their faith, and get to know one another. The group provided a place where much needed support could be found, with different opinions shared and discussed. A vital part of meeting together was time spent in prayer, for individuals, events and organisations and our local community.

Alpha Course

Alpha is a series of interactive discussions to discuss life and Christian faith in a friendly informal environment. It contains fifteen talks with each talk looking at a different aspect of Christianity. Within the church we now run Alpha annually beginning in October. This year we had a mix of people, some who had attended Alpha before and others who were coming along for the first time. As always the discussions led to interesting and thoughtful questions which helped everyone along their journey of faith. Attendance this year was smaller than before but everyone benefited greatly and agreed they had discovered new things about being a Christian and also about themselves.

Youth Biblical Teaching

SHINE, our organisation for children of primary school age, met during morning services. It taught children bible stories at an age-appropriate level. We had a core group of around twenty-three children and seven teachers. The children engaged very well in the weekly activities of praise and worship, games, stories, and craft. In September we began working through God's Big Promises Story Book. The children continued to be a constant source of joy and encouragement to the leaders. The teachers found it such a blessing to be able to chat with them each week and pray through any worries the children had for the week ahead.

Our **Holiday Bible Club (HBC)** took place over three nights in late May and a Sunday morning service. We had around thirty children attending each night. HBC provided an opportunity for us to attract children from the local community and bring them under the word of God and Bible teaching. There was lots of noise and excitement around at HBC, and the children especially engaged in the singing. Our prayer is that these words of worship will be embedded into their young hearts and minds as they sang and learned about God's Truths.

Everything is Possible in Christ (EPIC), our youth group of teenagers ranging from 11- to 16-year-olds met up on Sunday mornings. Our main objective was to try and reinforce the message of God's love for the young people and for them to know the importance of prayer in their lives. On a monthly basis the sessions included a Breakfast and Bibles week, a Something Different week and a guest speaker. Our Biblical topic for the 2023/24 year was Miracles, with studies covering both the Old and New Testament. During our Something Different week EPIC members enjoyed making coasters, poppies, and pancakes in

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addition to having a blind tasting week, all underpinned with a Biblical theme. Guest speakers have been from Young Life, Scripture Union NI, Leprosy Mission, Bible Society NI and PCI. Outside of a Sunday morning, EPIC members enjoyed fellowship and fun making a Christmas music video during a pizza night.

EPIC was successful in securing funding from a Tesco Community Grant which enabled the group to purchase a laptop. The group also received funding from a Power NI Helping Hands Grant, which will be used to fund a team building activity day in 2024.

Pastoral Care

Our Pastoral Care team helped our minister in home visits to elderly members of our congregation, some of whom were no longer able to attend church. These visits served to keep a connection to our church family and supported our elders in their responsibilities for those families under their care. Comprising seven volunteers, the Pastoral Team provided practical assistance such as organising meals during hospital stays and emotional support at times of loss. The team also offered spiritual support through prayer.

Mission and Outreach

At a local level, the congregation was actively involved with the Conlig Community Regeneration Group and engaged in outreach through our organisations. We provided accommodation for Praxis (an organisation for people with learning disabilities) and gave support to Storehouse via a grocery box in our vestibule.

The congregation contributed its 'Target of Honour' to the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. This fund enabled us to support the wider mission of the denomination and to do mission and outreach on a denominational basis beyond what we could have done on our own. The fund provided financial aid for mission personnel at home and overseas, assisted congregations with the deployment of locally based staff, enabled church planting, provided grant support for the upkeep of church premises, and assisted with the running costs of Union Theological College (the Church's training college). It also financially supported congregations in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership, and pastoral care. Our congregation also contributed to the denomination's annual World Development appeal.

We have been supporting Kids4School, a NI charity which helps to provide education and housing for children in Tanzania, for over twelve years. In 2022 we had a visit from a Kids4School representative who highlighted the need for replacement dwellings. This gave us an idea for a church project and so the "100s" project was born. As a church we felt we could take on a challenge to raise the funds needed to build one house in Tanzania, through a project that would involve all members. On Saturday 27 May

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2023 our Minister and an EPIC leader, with the fantastic support of North Down Cycling Club, completed a 100-mile cycle ride. Back in Conlig, volunteers queued up to ride a static bike for 100 miles and the children completed 100 laps of the car park.

From the generosity of the church members, their friends, and contacts, we collected a massive £18,000 to build three houses and several water tanks. In monetary terms the project was a huge success, but also in terms of church and community involvement. Other charities supported by the congregation were the British Legion Poppy Appeal, Childrens Hospice, Christian Aid, European Christian Mission, Fonic Trust, Leprosy Mission (NI), Salvation Army and Samaritans Purse.

Property

The Church Committee conducted significant maintenance to our property by means of a Church Maintenance team. A specialist restoration contractor progressed essential work to the roof, bell tower, and rear chimney. The contractor should complete this work in 2024.

Organisations

Our **Craft Group** provided social interaction for ladies in the congregation and local community. It also created items for sale and, with weekly donations, raised funds for our church and charity.

Embrace, a group of around 15-20 ladies of from our church family ranging in age from thirty to seventy plus, met once a month. Meetings ranging from a coffee night out to hearing from an invited speaker. Embrace brought encouragement and provided a safe environment for ladies to share together. The group organised a Craft Fair in November to raise money for charity and church funds. A real encouragement from this group was the friendships that have been formed beyond church life.

The **Oasis** café operated on Friday mornings from 10.30 am to 12.30 pm in the Minor Hall. We provided complimentary tea and coffee alongside fresh scones and biscuits. Originally opened as a temporary 'warm space' in January 2023, Oasis evolved into a regular weekly event. We were supported by a dedicated team of volunteers who helped each week, not only with practical tasks but also by engaging with our visitors. This allowed us to provide support and offer encouragement to those facing challenges. Oasis presented a drop-in space for our church members, Praxis service users, and the broader community, in a friendly and inclusive atmosphere.

The **Friendship Circle** met monthly from January to May and from September to December. We had a musician or speaker to lead us in song and the word of God. Each afternoon concluded with refreshments and informal fellowship. Attendance varied dependent on weather conditions, with above 40 people attending on at least one afternoon. The majority were over 70 years of age.

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175 Year Celebrations

September 2023 marked the 175th year of our church building. We celebrated this with a month-long programme of activities. We were indebted to Heather Lyons for leading a small team to mount a large exhibition, on the final weekend, featuring events over almost eighteen decades. This was followed by an evening musical concert on Friday 6th October. A special service took place on Sunday 8th October when our previous four ministers, and/or their wives, joined us and participated in the service.

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 or other church activities.

PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The trustees confirm that they complied with their duty under section 17 (5) of the Charities Act 2011 to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and that the public benefit requirement has informed the activities of the congregation in the year to 31st December 2023. In evaluating public benefit, the trustees note that communicant membership of Conlig Presbyterian Church is open to all who have a personal faith in God as Creator and Saviour. Whilst we would encourage those with personal faith to join our congregation, we also serve God within our community and offer a warm welcome to everyone who comes in to attend services or other activities, irrespective of their personal faith.

The direct benefits include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and 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).

Public access is made known using noticeboards, printed material, and social media. The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the services, together with informal and ad-hoc feedback from members, and the public.

The purpose does not lead to harm. The only private benefit flowing from our purpose is related to our Minister. However, this is incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purpose. There are no other private benefits. The main beneficiaries of this purpose are members, their families, other individuals that the congregation is in direct and indirect contact within the community in which pastoral services are provided. Others 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 from members' contributions by monthly bank transfer or through Weekly Freewill Offering envelopes to its General Fund. There were 105 (109 in 2022) contributors to this General Fund, by these means, donating a total of £73,315 (£55,357 in 2022). Total income of the congregation during the year was £129,983, an increase from £98,672 in 2022. Total expenditure increased from £91,442 in 2022 to £123,925 in 2023. The special fundraising project for building houses in Tanzania was a significant factor in this increase.

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 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. 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 20 March 2024 and signed on its behalf by



Reverend T J McConaghie



Brian Morrison

Conlig Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105279

Annual return

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CONLIG CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

I report on the accounts of Conlig congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on pages 2 to 7 above.

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.

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



David Hooks
250 Donaghadee Road
Bangor
BT19 6NH

9 May 2024

Conlig Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105279

Accounts

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

**Trustees Annual Statement of Financial Activity, Assets and Liabilities
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105279)

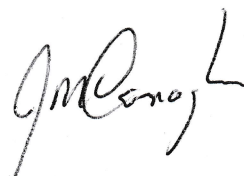
**CONLIG CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL
ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account)
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
Receipts					
Donations	2	68185	21521	89706	87422
Charitable activities	3	75	4850	4925	37
Investment Income	4	904	115	1019	610
Other income	5	3022	0	3022	2026
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Total Receipts		72186	26486	98672	90095
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Payments					
Raising funds	6	376	0	376	328
Charitable activities	7	69210	21856	91066	77854
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Total Payments		69586	21856	91442	78182
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Net receipts / (payments)		2600	4630	7230	11913
General Investment Fund	9	(10000)	0	(10000)	(33000)
Fund Transfers		(1730)	1730	0	0
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Net movement in funds		(9130)	6360	(2770)	(21087)
Funds brought forward		27435	34585	62020	83107
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Funds carried forward	10	18305	40945	59250	62020
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CONLIG CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
As at 31 December 2022

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022	Total Funds 2021
	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation				
Bank and Cash at start of year	27435	34585	62020	83107
Net movement in funds	(9130)	6360	(2770)	(21087)
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Bank and Cash at end of year	18305	40945	59250	62020
Bank & Cash Balances				
Bank Deposit Accounts	0	18203	18203	37454
Bank Current Accounts	18681	23026	41707	26571
Outstanding Payments	(376)	(525)	(901)	(3740)
Cash in hand	0	241	241	1735
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	18305	40945	59250	62020
	=====	=====	=====	=====
Other Assets				
Fixed Assets – Note 8				
Investments – Note 9	48040	681	48721	42042
Gift Aid receivable on donations	10983	3100	14083	15006
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	59023	3781	62804	57048
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Approved by the Kirk Session and signed on its behalf by



Rev T J McConaghie

20 February 2023



Brian Morrison

20 February 2023

CONLIG 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

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.

2. DONATIONS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Member Identified Giving	55357	14659	70016	63696
Other Identified Giver	560	1100	1660	4727
Unidentified Giver	1524	1894	3418	4993
Gift Aid and GASD	10745	3867	14612	14006
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	68186	21520	89706	87422
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CONLIG CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

31 December 2022

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Fundraising	0	420	420	0
Subscriptions	75	0	75	0
Membership fees	0	0	0	37
Grants	0	4430	4430	0
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	75	4850	4925	37
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4. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Deposit interest	48	101	149	210
Dividends	29	0	29	303
General Investment Fund	827	14	841	97
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	904	115	1019	610
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5. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Use of church halls	3015	0	3015	1890
Refunds	7	0	7	106
Wayleaves	0	0	0	30
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	3022	0	3022	2026
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**CONLIG CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)**

31 December 2022

6. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Envelope printing	376	0	376	328
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	376	0	376	328
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7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	12902	0	12902	13108
Ministry	40966	0	40966	39420
Congregational running costs	14650	12228	26878	14587
Presbytery fees	692	0	692	692
Missions and charities	0	4351	4351	4559
PCI United Appeal	0	5277	5277	5488
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	69210	21856	91066	77854
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8. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church premises situated at Main Street, Conlig BT23 7PT and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant, and machinery. These have an insurance value of £ 2,251,455. The congregation also owns the manse situated at 54 Beechfield Drive, Bangor BT19 7ZW which had an insurance value of £ 284,585 at the last renewal date.

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

31 December 2022

9. INVESTMENTS

The congregation has the following investments. Amounts are shown at market valuation.

	2022	2021
	£	£
General Investment Fund (3931 shares 2022)	48040	41450
HSBC (132 Shares held by Clerk)	681	592
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	48721	42042

10. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payments	Transfers in	Transfers out	Balance at end
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General	27435	72186	79586	0	1730	18305
Restricted Funds						
Property	27448	14805	11483	717	0	31487
United Appeal	0	3547	5277	1730	0	0
Missions and Charity	128	5530	4251	0	0	1407
Youth	1507	1715	165	3915	0	6972
Craft Group	316	699	195	0	717	103
Friendship Circle	481	110	220	0	0	371
Morrow Hamilton	590	15	0	0	0	605
Little Ligs	208	0	0	0	208	0
Girls' Brigade	3907	65	265	0	3707	0
	34585	26486	21856	6362	4632	40945
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Total	62020	98672	101442	6362	6362	59250
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Northern Ireland - Charity number 105279

Annual report

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

**Trustees Annual Report
for the year ended 31 December 2022**

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105279)

CONLIG CONGREGATION 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

Conlig Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland
Main Street
Conlig
BT23 7PT

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105279)

CHARITY TRUSTEES

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

Cecil Connell	John Miskimmon
Gwen King	Brian Morrison
Ronnie Maxwell	Derek Prentice
Rev John McConaghie	Edith Savage
Sheena McIlpatrick	

PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS

Minister	Rev John McConaghie
Clerk of Session	Brian Morrison
Treasurer	Edith Savage

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Progressive Building Society
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Bangor
BT20 4ST

Ulster Bank
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Newtownards
BT23 3DP

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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. All purchasing, installing, and modifying of property must be paid from the Property Fund and within the limits of that fund. The General Fund is only to be used for purposes approved by the Trustees.

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 normally held every second month with a vision and planning meeting on the alternate month. Eight stated meetings were held during the year, as the Session focused on a return to normality after the Covid pandemic.

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 approval from two-thirds of those who vote. Nominations and a selection process for additional elders took place in December. Four members were selected to be approved by the congregation in January 2023.

Presbytery

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Conlig congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Ards Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists of the active ministers of congregations

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

assigned to it by the General Assembly, ministers who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

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 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.

Conlig 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 members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregation's mission purpose is to reach up to God, reach out in mission and to reach inward by discipleship, 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

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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 visitors are welcome to join. 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 regular bible study meetings and has a range of organisations including Craft Group, Embrace, Friendship Group, EPIC, and SHINE.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Worship and Prayer

The congregation met for worship each Sunday at 11.00 am. The emphasis was on worship as a church family with young families encouraged to attend via the League of Church Loyalty. In the Autumn of 2022 we held morning worship, on two Sundays, in the church hall. This offered a more informal setting for worship and increased fellowship among those attending. Praise at each service is led by Lynda-Jane Nelson and John Donaldson. The Midweek Connection delivered an opportunity for members to meet for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer throughout the Winter, Spring and Autumn months. Over the Summer months a small group met weekly for a time of prayer on Thursday evenings.

At 31 December 2022 there were 90 communicant members and 167 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship was reduced, particularly in the first half of the year, to around 60 to comply with the social distancing requirements.

Pastoral Care

The minister, elders or one of the congregation's pastoral visitors visited members of the congregation, who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age, on a regular basis. Following two years, in which visiting was severely restricted due to the Covid pandemic restrictions, visiting slowly returned to normal activity. A new Pastoral Care team, to complement the work of the elders, was established in the later part of the year.

Mission and Outreach

At a local level, the congregation was actively involved with the Conlig Community Regeneration Group and engaged in outreach through our organisations. The congregation also provided accommodation

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for Praxis and gave support to Storehouse via a grocery box in our vestibule. Our Embrace and Craft Group organisation provided an opportunity for ladies in the community to integrate with church life.

The congregation contributed to 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. It delivers financial aid 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, assists 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 contributed to the denomination's annual Moderator's Appeal (to support relief work in Ukraine), the PCI Sunday School project and World Development special appeals. It also collected funds for Christian Aid, Fonic Trust, European Christian Mission, Kids4School, the NI Hospice and the British Legion. Gifts of toys were given for the Salvation Army to distribute, at Christmas, to children in Bangor.

Presbytery

Our minister and Brian Morrison represented our congregation at the regular meetings of the Presbytery. They also served on various commissions and committees of the Presbytery. This provided an important link between the congregation and the wider structures of the church. During the 2021/22 year our Minister also served as Moderator of Presbytery.

General Assembly

The Kirk Session nominated Edith Savage to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in June 2022. Our Minister is automatically entitled to attend the Assembly.

Property

During the year, the Church Committee conducted significant maintenance to our property by means of a Church Maintenance team. A specialist restoration contractor was also engaged to carry out essential work on the windows of our Worship Building and Minor Hall.

Organisations

In 2022 we began to rebuild our organisations from the low points of the pandemic restrictions. SHINE, our organisation for children of primary school age, normally met during morning service. It taught children bible stories at an age-appropriate level. EPIC, for members of secondary school age, also normally met on Sunday mornings for fellowship, bible study, prayer, and worship. Leaders of both

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organisations wore distinctive blue hoodies. The Craft Group provided social interaction for women in the congregation and local community. It also created items for sale and, with weekly donations, raised funds for our church. Embrace provided an opportunity for ladies to get together once a month for fellowship, with the aim of providing a spiritual influence in their lives. The Friendship Circle (previously known as Friendship Group) held several monthly meetings and drew attendances of over 40 members of the congregation and their friends. Ronnie Maxwell arranged for well know Christian musicians to entertain the group at each meeting.

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).

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. Public access is made known using 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

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indirect contact within 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 congregation's main source of income is members' contributions by bank transfer to its General Fund or through Weekly Freewill Offering envelopes. There were 109 (112 in 2021) contributors to this General Fund, by these means, donating a total of £55,357 (£51,307 in 2021).

Total income of the congregation during the year was £98,672, an increase from £90,095 in the previous year. Total expenditure increased from £78,182 in 2021 to £91,442 in 2022. The trustees also transferred £10,000 from the General Fund and invested it in the PCI General Investment Fund.

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 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.

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 and signed on its behalf by



Reverend TJ McConaghie

20 February 2023



Brian Morrison

20 February 2023

Conlig Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

Northern Ireland - Charity number 105279

Annual return

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CONLIG CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

I report on the accounts of Conlig congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 2 to 7 above.

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.

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 the directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.


21 June 2023,

David Hooks
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