

**HEALTHCARE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP  
OF IRELAND**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES  
for the Year Ended 31 MAY 2024**

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The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 May 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

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**a. Policies and objectives**

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit and in particular to its supplementary public benefit guidance on the furtherance of Christianity by forming groups of Christians in hospitals and other places of medical and health work for the purposes of fellowship and active evangelism.

The objectives of the charity, worldwide, is to inspire and equip healthcare workers to minister God's love, and provide total patient care.

**b. Strategies for achieving objectives**

Our aim is to build the kingdom of God in all healthcare facilities: Bringing together staff from all healthcare disciplines, who share their Christian faith for mutual encouragement and prayer, as well as to express the love of God and provide spiritual care to people who are sick, elderly or disabled. Facilitating communication and partnership within the network of healthcare workers, chaplains and local churches. Supporting positive healthcare initiatives which will enhance quality care for staff, patients and their relatives.

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#### **ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

##### **Charitable activities**

##### **a. Main achievements of the Charity**

As a Fellowship we seek to initiate regular opportunities to foster support and encouragement through prayer and fellowship for healthcare staff within their workplace. Contact is maintained through personal visits, and also via emails, phone calls, video calls, training and literature.

Fellowship meetings are held in various hospitals in both Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, as the Fellowship takes an all-Ireland approach. Staff who transfer to other facilities are linked up with existing contacts in their new place of work.

The Trustees as well as the members of the National Action Team meet regularly for prayer and fellowship via visits and video calls. They also maintain links with their counterparts in the UK, Europe and worldwide.

The National Action Team, with the assistance and leadership of the National Coordinator, work together, not only to support the network of fellowship-groups, but also to provide suitable training for healthcare staff, such as Saline (TM) training.

A greatly encouraging development more recently, has been the uptake by more local churches and hospital chaplains in hosting and participating in such training. This also enables them in turn to connect with healthcare workers based in their own areas.

Overall, the statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 May 2024 reflects a net decrease in resources of £16,752 leading to a total funds carried forward of £69,627.

##### **b. Risk review**

The trustees are continuing to assess any risks to which the charity may be exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Financial position**

##### **a. Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

##### **b. Reserves policy**

It is the policy of the charity that reserves, that have not been designated for a specific purpose, be maintained at a level equivalent to between three and six months expenditure, with which the Trustees consider they will be able to continue their current activities.

##### **c. Financial risk management objectives and policies**

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#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

##### **Governing document**

The charity is unincorporated and is governed by its Trust Deed of 1st March 1985 and is a registered charity, number NIC 105975 with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland.

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**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Charity constitution**

The principal activity of the charity continued to be that of encouraging prayer in the field of health; also training, discipleship, and evangelism in hospitals and the overall field of healthcare.

The charity has been formally admitted by the Inland Revenue, as such, for income tax purposes. The statutory reliefs under S.505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 are admissible on income from 1st March 1985 subject to compliance with the terms of S.505 of the Act. Its registered number with HMRC is XN70453.

**b. Methods of appointment or election of Trustees**

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**  
105975

**Principal address**  
49 Cushenny Road  
Portadown  
Craigavon  
Co. Armagh  
BT62 4JF

**Trustees**  
C Wells  
R McKechnie  
E Philpott  
A Gillanders  
J Labib (resigned 13.6.23)  
B Heinzl  
A Moat

**Independent Examiner**  
Mr Thomas Patton FCA  
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Chartered Accountants  
6 East Bridge Street  
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Ulster Bank Ltd  
Belfast City Office  
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BT1 5UB,

**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) including Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland".

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**STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES - continued**

The law applicable to charities in Scotland, the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and the provisions of the charity's constitution, requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees 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 {charitiesActRef}, 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.

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 24 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



C Wells - Trustee