

# Lisburn Reformed Presbyterian Church

Northern Ireland · Charity number 106250

## Details

**Status** Overdue

**Registered** 2017-03-03

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

**Purposes:** The purpose of the RPCI is to support and advance the Christian Faith according to the Word of God and in accordance with the 'Book of Government and Order of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Ireland.

**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
2023-12-31	£143,086	£139,892	£0	1

## Trustees

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Name	Role	Appointed
Mr Charles Norman Greer		
Mr David John Somerville		
Mr Gregg William Somerville		
Mr Marcus Scott Mccollum		
Mr Stewart Alexander Gamble		
Mr Thomas Mervyn Green		
Rev Robert Morrell Mccollum		

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# Accounts

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	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
<b>Investment assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				
Church Buildings & Contents - Note 8	Unrestricted	-	1,115,646.26	1,115,646
Manse Property - Note 8	Unrestricted	-	451,538.94	451,539
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,567,185</b>	<b>1,567,185</b>

	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
<b>Liabilities</b>			-	-
			-	-
	<b>Total</b>		<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
	Mr Mervyn Green	29/10/2024
	Mr Marcus McCollum	29/10/2024



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## LISBURN CONGREGATION OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IRELAND

### Notes to the Accounts

Period End Date 31st December 2023

#### 1 Basis of Financial Statement

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation has elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities (Accounts & 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 congregations discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise income from donations and payments for specific congregation activity intended by the donor.

Unrestricted funds are incomes which are to be spent on the congregations general purposes.

#### 2 Donations & Legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded Giving:	75,668	29,787	-	105,456	121,665
Loose Collections	5,232	-	-	5,232	9,316
Donations & Gifts	-	-	-	-	25,000
Gift Aid	16,108	6,794	-	22,901	25,850
Legacies & Bequests	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>97,008</b>	<b>36,581</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>133,588</b>	<b>181,831</b>

### 3 Charitable Activities (Income)

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
£	£	£	£	£
-	-	-	-	-

### 4 Other Trading Activities

Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
£	£	£	£	£
-	-	-	-	-



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### Notes to the Accounts

Period End Date 31st December 2023

### 5 Other Income

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	£	£	£	£	£
Bible Reading Notes		188		188	158
Buildings Use - Donations		60		60	140
Covenanter Witness		605		605	600
Sundry Items	-	1,423		1,423	1,330
Nantes Building Appeal		7,000		7,000	
	-	<b>9,276</b>	-	<b>9,276</b>	<b>2,228</b>

### 6 Charitable Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	£	£	£	£	£
Ministry Expenses	43,304			43,304	46,095
Donations to Synodical, Mission & Special Collections		34,624		34,624	
Donations to Charities & Good Causes	19,636			19,636	57,313
Congregational Running Expenses	30,472	10,226		40,698	59,388
Other General Expenses		1,630		1,630	1,536
Transfer to General A/C				-	29
	<b>93,412</b>	<b>46,480</b>	-	<b>139,892</b>	<b>199,236</b>

### 7 Transfer Between Funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
Ministry Contributions	(2445)	2445			
Mission Contributions	(2043)	2043			
Upper Room	(398)	398			
Robert Buchanan Trust Fund Interest	24		(24)		
Transfer to Building & Repair Fund	(10000)	10000			
Covenanter Witness	(540)	540			
	<b>(15402)</b>	<b>15426</b>	<b>(24)</b>		

The congregation owns the church building situated at 49 Nettlehill Road, Lisburn. BT28 3HE and the associated fixtures & fittings. This has a combined insurance value of £1,115,646.26. The congregation also owns the manse situated at 27 Monaville Close, Lisburn. BT28 2DG which has an insurance value of £451,538.94

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# Accounts

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities	Period End Date 31st December 2020			Total	Last year	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Funds		
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>						
Bank at start of the year	70,843	40,094	10,000	120,937	85,793	
Net movement in funds	2,253	6,216	-	8,469	35,144	
<i>Bank at end of year</i>	<u>73,096</u>	<u>46,310</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>129,406</u>	<u>120,937</u>	
<b>Other monetary assets</b>						
			Total	-	-	
<b>Investment assets</b>			Fund to	Cost (optional)	Current value	Last year
				-	-	-
			Total	-	-	-
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
Church Buildings & Contents - Note 7			Unrestricted	-	1,083,152	1,051,604
Manse Property - Note 7			Unrestricted	-	438,387	425,619
			Total	-	1,521,539	1,477,223
<b>Liabilities</b>			Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
						-
			Total			-

Signature

*M S McCollum*  
*Mervyn Green*

Print Name

M S McCollum  
MERVYN GREEN

Date of approval

27/10/21  
27/12/21



Receipts and Payment Account

For the period from 1st January 2020 to 31st December 2020

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations & Legacies	2	72,564	30,852	-	103,416	111,473
Other Trading Activities	3	-	150	-	150	-
Interest		221	68	25	315	274
Other Income	4	-	26,013	-	26,013	4,701
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		<b>72,785</b>	<b>57,083</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>129,893</b>	<b>116,448</b>
Sale of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		<b>72,785</b>	<b>57,083</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>129,893</b>	<b>116,448</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>						
<b>Payments</b>						
Charitable Activities	5	67,455	53,969	-	121,424	81,304
		<b>67,455</b>	<b>53,969</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>121,424</b>	<b>81,304</b>
Purchase of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		<b>67,455</b>	<b>53,969</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>121,424</b>	<b>81,304</b>
<b>Total payments</b>						
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>		5,331	3,113	25	8,469	35,144
Transfers between funds	6	(3,077)	3,103	(25)	-	-
Cash funds last year end		70,843	40,094	10,000	120,937	85,793
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>		<b>73,096</b>	<b>46,310</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>129,406</b>	<b>120,937</b>





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**Notes to the Accounts**

Period End Date 31st December 2020

**4 Other Income**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	£	£	£	£	£
Electricity Refund		150		150	2,361
Bible Reading notes		182		182	180
Covenanter Witness		338		338	351
Minutes of Synod				-	54
The Messenger Magazines		140		140	140
Upper Room				-	170
Peru Deputation		203		203	
Go Relief (Go Week)					181
Macmillan Cancer	-			-	1,241
Transfer from Robt Buchanan Fund					23
Transfer from General Account		25,000		25,000	
	-	<b>26,013</b>	-	<b>26,013</b>	<b>4,701</b>

**5 Charitable Activities**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	£	£	£	£	£
Payments to Minister	15,989			15,989	13,243
Donations to Synodical, Mission & Special Collections		25,610		25,610	
Donations to Charities & Good Causes	11,500			11,500	22,611
Congregational Running Expenses	39,966	27,586		67,552	20,129
Other General Expenses		773		773	4,048
Transfer to General A/C			25	25	23
	<b>67,455</b>	<b>53,969</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>121,450</b>	<b>81,304</b>

**6 Transfer Between Funds**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
Ministry Contributions	(133)	133			
Mission Contributions	(875)	875			
Bible Study Notes	1	(1)			
Go Relief (Peru)	203	(203)			
Robert Buchanan Trust Fund Interest	25		(25)		
Electricity Refund	150	(150)			
Lebanon Appeal	(2335)	2335			
Covenanter Witness	13	(13)			
Upper Room Ministry	(127)	127			
	<b>(3077)</b>	<b>3103</b>	<b>(25)</b>		

**7 Fixed Assets**

The congregation owns the church building situated at 49 Nettlehill Road, Lisburn. BT28 3HE and the associated fixtures & fittings. This has a combined insurance value of £1,083,152. The congregation also owns the manse situated at 27 Monaville Close, Lisburn. BT28 2DG which has an insurance value of £438,387.

## Independent Examiners Report

I report on the accounts of **Lisburn Reformed Presbyterian Church** for the year ended 31st December 2020, which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

### 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.

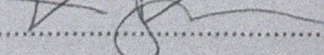
My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

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.

Signed  .....

Date: 22/09/2021

Name: **Roger Sloan**

Relevant professional qualification or body: **Chartered Accountant**

Address: **37 Dunnabraggy Road, Moneymore. BT45 7YN.**

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# Annual report

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## Lisburn Session Report 2020

We all know that every year is different from the previous year, as we all experience the changes in our personal lives, our family lives, our neighbourhood and in our nation. Many of these changes are minor and we take them in our stride, however there are changes which are radical, which not only affect ourselves, our families and even our congregation but these generally do not affect our nation. This year will long be remembered in history as a momentous year because of an incident in the Huanan fish market in Wuhan when apparently one person fell ill due to a new virus. This new virus called Covid 19 was to spread across the entire world in a matter of weeks with devastating consequences for all nations, communities, families and individuals.

As a congregation we have been more reminded of God's sovereignty this year than ever before. Psalm 46 verse 10 "Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!"

Lisburn congregation records the death of Mr John Buchanan, who entered his eternal rest on 10<sup>th</sup> March in his 91<sup>st</sup> year. John was born into a godly home where, with his siblings, he was nurtured in the Christian faith. The Buchanan family were faithful and devoted members of the Bready congregation. In 1955 John married Catherine George, a native of North Wales, and together they enjoyed 63 years of marriage, being separated by Catherine's death in June 2018. John was ordained to the eldership in Bready in 1958 and served the congregation as treasurer for 22 years. On his retirement in 1995 John and Catherine moved to Moira and transferred their membership to the Lisburn congregation. John loved Christ and his Word and was able to recite many passages from memory especially when more recent memories began to fade.

We also record the death of Robert Green, the son of Mervyn & Dorothy Green, who died on the 10<sup>th</sup> July after a long battle with cancer. Although Robert had left the congregation in 2012 he still was a frequent visitor to many of our events and his untimely death was felt by many in the congregation. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord .... that they may rest from their labours, for their deeds follow them." Rev. 14:13

We extend our deepest sympathy to all the bereaved families and commend them to the care of our loving heavenly Father.

We continue to be blessed by our Interim Moderator Rev John Hawthorne through his preaching, Godly oversight and pastoral care in what has been a difficult year for him with health concerns This did not hinder his work in any way maintaining contact and seeking to provide love and care to individual members of the congregation who were in need. He also consistently provided us with a rich variety of gifted preachers ensuring that we had a veritable feast of spiritual truths, instruction and encouragements from God's Word.

There was an average attendance of 70 at our morning services and 42 at our evening services pre Covid 19 and 51 when morning services resumed in July. There was an average of 16 who attended the midweeks prior to the pandemic but this increased to an average of 31 when the Wednesday night prayer meeting moved online.

The Elders met formally on 18 occasions as well several informal occasions as we had sought God's guidance and direction in steering our congregation through the challenges that this year brought to our door.

It was again because of the pandemic that we had to abandon our annual visitation of the families this year.

We hosted an outreach meeting taken by Philip Robinson (Creation Ministries International) which was well attended with approximately 50% of the audience visitors to our denomination.

We continued our prayer meetings both in Lisburn and Moira on Wednesday evenings and also prior to the evening service until Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March when they were suspended in response to government advice about the growing Covid 19 pandemic. We quickly resumed our midweek congregational prayer meeting "on-line" (via Zoom) which was very well supported. In addition, monthly prayer letters from Galway, Nantes, Australia, Convoy and Stranraer were emailed to the congregation encouraging prayer for the worldwide denomination.

In May we had Philip Dunn speak (via Zoom) at our midweek and updated us on the work of EMF.

In June, Andrew & Heather Lyttle (via Zoom) gave us interesting insights into their missionary work in Nantes.

In July we were allowed to open our church building and we are thankful to the Deacons for their hard work in risk assessment and protocols to ensure that we could meet in safety and in compliance with the latest health guidelines.

In October we were pleased to accept the Rev Malcolm Ball & Mrs Muriel Ball, retired missionaries from France, into membership of the congregation after they reaffirmed their membership vows.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed on two occasions in January and October with an average attendance of 48 communicants.

In December Rev Peter Jemphrey spoke (via Zoom) to our congregation about the work in Galway.

During the year we issued 4 disjunction certificates to Mrs Sandra McCollum , Thomas Beckett, Lyle Taylor and Mrs Jean Taylor.

In December we had the joint baptism of Levi John Somerville and Lydia Karen Gamble.

Many of our congregation's activities and outreach ministries had to be suspended in March and these included Arrows, Little Tots, Upper Room, Nursing Home Witness and the Ladies Book Club. It is hoped that these can be resumed at some stage in 2021.

In addition to our AGM in January we had a further two congregational meeting in February and in October resulting in the congregation issuing a call to the Rev Robert M McCollum which was formally accepted at a meeting of Presbytery on 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

We are delighted that Robert has felt the call of God to be our minister and we look forward with keen anticipation to working with him in the work of the Kingdom. His installation is due to take place on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

We continue to exhort our members to use their God given gifts and talents in the service of His Kingdom. We commend all those who continue to pray for God's blessing on the preaching and our individual witness to family, friends and neighbours in these difficult days.

We commend the members and adherents for their continued financial support of the congregation, the work of the denomination and mission work in general. As Paul states in 2 Corinthians 9 vs 6-7 "The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver".

After consideration the Session and Deacons decided to use the Dobson Bequest of £20,000 to supply audio visual equipment, refurbish the Upper Room, new Bibles and psalters and for other outreach purposes.

As we look forward to a new year we look to the covenant God who has formed promises for His people from eternity – promises He will keep " Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations," (Deut. 7:9).

In his Christmas Day broadcast in 1939, with Britain at war, King George VI movingly quoted lines from Minnie Haskins's poem of 1908, "God Knows".

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown"; and he replied, "Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light, and safer than a known way."

At the gate of this year let us together resolve to call upon the name of the Lord Jesus Christ who alone is the Light of the world.

"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

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# Annual return

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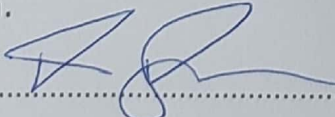
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Date: 22/09/2021

Name: **Roger Sloan**

Relevant professional qualification or body: **Chartered Accountant**

Address: **37 Dunnabraggy Road, Moneymore. BT45 7YN.**

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# Accounts

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Charity No.106250

Receipts and Payment Account

For the period from 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>						
Donations & Legacies	2	65,308	46,165	-	111,473	103,774
Other Trading Activities	3	-	-	-	-	5,625
Interest		160	91	23	273	226
Other Income	4	204	4,497	-	4,701	2,813
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
		<b>65,672</b>	<b>50,753</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>116,448</b>	<b>112,438</b>
Sale of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>65,672</b>	<b>50,753</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>116,448</b>	<b>112,438</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Charitable Activities	5	51,650	29,631	23	81,304	106,234
<b>Sub total</b>		<b>51,650</b>	<b>29,631</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>81,304</b>	<b>106,234</b>
Purchase of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>		-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>51,650</b>	<b>29,631</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>81,304</b>	<b>106,234</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>						
		£	£	£	£	£
		14,021	21,123	-	35,144	6,204
Transfers between funds	6	(2,235)	2,235	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end		59,057	16,736	10,000	85,793	79,588
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>		<b>70,843</b>	<b>40,094</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>120,937</b>	<b>85,792</b>



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**Statement of assets and liabilities**

Period End Date 31st December 2019

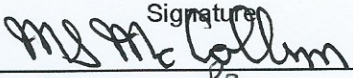
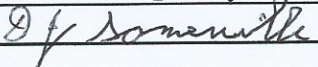
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
<b>Funds Reconciliation</b>	£	£	£	£	£
Bank at start of the year	59,057	16,736	10,000	85,793	79,587
Net movement in funds	11,786	23,358	-	35,144	6,206
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Bank at end of year</b>	<b>70,843</b>	<b>40,094</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>120,937</b>	<b>85,793</b>

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
<b>Other Monetary Assets</b>	-	-	-	-	-
			<b>Total</b>	-	-

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
<b>Investment Asset</b>	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	-	-	-

	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)	Last year
<b>Assets retained for Charity's own use</b>				
Church Building & Contents - Note 7	Unrestricted	-	1,051,604	1,020,974
Manse Property - Note 7	Unrestricted	-	425,619	413,222
	<b>Total</b>	-	<b>1,477,223</b>	<b>1,434,196</b>

	Fund to which liability relates	When due (optional)	Amount due (optional)	Last year
<b>Liabilities</b>				
			<b>Total</b>	-

Signature  
  
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Print Name  
 Mr. Marcus Scott McCollum  
 Mr. David John Somerville  
 Date of approval  
 7/10/20  
 7/10/20



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LISBURN CONGREGATION OF THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF IRELAND

**Notes to the Accounts**

Period End Date 31st December 2019

**1 Basis of Financial Statement**

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation has elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities (Accounts & 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 congregations discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise income from donations and payments for specific congregation activity intended by the donor.

Unrestricted funds are incomes which are to be spent on the congregations general purposes.

**2 Donations & Legacies**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded Giving:	46,675	21,945	-	68,621	79,236
Loose Collections	6,963	-	-	6,963	6,093
Donations & Gifts	-	-	-	-	280
Gift Aid	11,669	4,220	-	15,889	18,165
Legacies & Bequests	-	20,000	-	20,000	-
	<b>65,308</b>	<b>46,165</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>111,473</b>	<b>103,774</b>

**3 Other Trading Activities**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	£	£	£	£	£
Letting of Premises	-	-	-	-	5,625
	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5,625</b>

**4 Other Income**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	£	£	£	£	£
Retirement Meal	-	2,361	-	2,361	308
Bible Reading notes	-	180	-	180	204
Covenanter Witness	-	351	-	351	403
Minutes of Synod	-	54	-	54	66
The Messenger Magazines	-	140	-	140	200
Upper Room	-	170	-	170	630
Upper Room Meal	-	-	-	-	100
Sundry Items	-	-	-	-	80
Go Relief (Go Week)	181	-	-	181	766
Macmillan Cancer	-	1,241	-	1,241	56
Transfer from Robt Buchanan Fund	23	-	-	23	-
	<b>204</b>	<b>4,497</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,701</b>	<b>2,813</b>



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**5 Charitable Activities**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
	£	£	£	£	£
Payments to Minister	13,243	-	-	13,243	32,092
Employers National Insurance	-	-	-	-	14
Donations to Synodical, Mission & Macmillan Cancer	-	22,611	-	22,611	30,320
Donations to Charities & Good Causes	21,250	-	-	21,250	17,000
Congregational Running Expenses	17,157	2,971	-	20,129	25,256
Other General Expenses	-	4,048	-	4,048	1,528
Transfer to General A/C	-	-	23	23	24
	<b>51,650</b>	<b>29,631</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>81,304</b>	<b>106,234</b>

**6 Transfer Between Funds**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Last year
Synodical (Target Adjustment)	(573)	573	-	-	
Mission (Target Adjustment)	(870)	870	-	-	
Minutes of Synod (12 Paid for, 9 Sold)	(18)	18	-	-	
Upper Room (Variant)	(432)	432	-	-	
Celebration Meal (Invited Guests)	(342)	342	-	-	
	<b>(2,235)</b>	<b>2,235</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	

**7 Fixed Assets**

The congregation owns the church building situated at 49 Nettlehill Road, Lisburn. BT28 3HE and the associated fixtures & fittings. This has a combined insurance value of £1,051,604. The congregation also owns the manse situated at 27 Monaville Close, Lisburn. BT28 2DG which has an insurance value of £425,619.

**Lisburn Reformed Presbyterian Church**

Northern Ireland - Charity number 106250

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# Annual report

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## Lisburn Trustee's Report 2019

At the end of another year we acknowledge God's blessings on His Church and on our congregation in particular as it is 40 years since the first meetings were held to establish a "New Work" in Lisburn.

In a year when we have seen legislation to introduce abortion and same sex marriage imposed on Northern Ireland there are some who are disappointed and perhaps even disheartened. What hope does the Church have in face of such problems and opposition? However we negate the power of the gospel when we place problems before promises. In Matthew 16:18, Jesus promises Peter, "On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Christ is building His church.

That's why Martin Luther wrote:

*Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing; were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing: Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He; Lord Sabaoth, His name, from age to age the same, And He must win the battle.*

We have been blessed by the leadership and counsel of our Interim Moderator Rev John Hawthorne who has fully recovered from his surgery during the year. We appreciate the willingness of the Rev John Watterson who covered for him when he was incapacitated.

During the past twelve months in our vacancy we have been reminded of how God has blessed our denomination with so many great expositors of God's Word and they have been a blessing to us. We record our appreciation to Rev Hawthorne for his diligence in arranging pulpit supplies from all the presbyteries and also for his own faithful preaching.

We have continued our prayer meetings prior to the evening service led by the Elders and deacons and the Elders have also continued leading the midweeks in Lisburn and Moira, which focussed on the pastoral epistles (1 & 2 Timothy & Titus). These prayer meetings have been well attended with on average of 16 on the Sabbath evening and 18 at the two centres on Wednesday evenings. We continue to promote the spirit of prayer among our members by providing a family prayer calendar which is designed to give opportunity to pray for every family and member at least once a month. It includes various means of outreach both within our congregation, congregations within the Presbytery and the wider church. In addition monthly prayer letters from Galway, Nantes, Australia, Convoy and Stranraer are shared with the congregation.

The Elders met formally on eleven occasions, which included an annual joint meeting with the Deacons and also met informally on a number of occasions for coffee and fellowship. As a Session we continue to have responsibility for the Cookstown Society and seek to support organising pastor Paul Wright who joins us for the Session meetings. We provide an interim elder in Knockbracken congregation and Session also agreed to assist Dromore congregation by supplying an interim elder until February 2020 when it will be reviewed.

Session wants to record their appreciation of the former Clerk of Session John Somerville who, after being appointed on the 20<sup>th</sup> March 1983, has served in this role with faithfulness,

diligence, and with wise counsel. With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September Marcus McCollum has taken over this responsibility.

The Elders, in pairs, carried out the annual visitation of the families with the topic of "Election and Call of Ministers" seeking to explain the steps and procedures that need to be followed in calling a new minister.

On the 7<sup>th</sup> May the congregation received permission from Presbytery to issue a call to a suitable candidate which will remain in force for the term of the vacancy.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> November, Session examined the preferences expressed by the congregation and it was evident that we should organise a congregational meeting to discuss calling a minister.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> April, Gregg & Evie Somerville presented their daughter Julia Margaret for the sacrament of Baptism which was administered by her grandfather the Rev Ray Lanning.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed on three occasions in January, May, and October with an average attendance at the Table of 49.

We are thankful that there have been no detrimental changes to the roll of the congregation in 2019. There was an average attendance of 71 at our morning services and 55 at our evening services. It has also been encouraging to welcome visitors to our services .

We are also thankful for the children in our congregation, who meet regularly with their parents for the "Arrows" for fun and games. They regularly attend the Sabbath School with eleven participating in the annual exam. We are thankful for those who teach in the Sabbath School complementing the teaching by the parents in the home. We also encourage our young people to attend the church's camps and were pleased that several did over the summer.

Little Tots continue to meet bimonthly on Monday mornings when the childminders and toddlers come for play, craft and a Bible lesson.

Through the Upper Room ministry we reach out with gospel to the local community. This last year saw an average of 15 attending the weekly Tuesday night meetings.

We continue our Nursing Home Witness visiting two Nursing Homes Pond Park & Nicholson House and after a period of Psalm singing the gospel message is presented to the residents and it is warmly received.

In August we had our fellowship week when each morning Rev John Hawthorne took a series on the subject "What's in a name". These were well attended with an average of 35 people enjoying the talks, discussion and the fellowship over coffee afterwards.

An outreach morning was held in September when we hosted a "Macmillan Cancer" Coffee morning which was very well supported and raised £1,241.24.

In March the ladies started a "Book Club" which meets monthly to discuss the Christian books they have read and the insights gained.

We are encouraged by the spirit of the congregation and their support of the outreach efforts to spread the gospel in Lisburn.

We exhort our members to use their God given gifts and talents in His service and to be much in prayer as we seek God's guidance to call the man of His choosing to be our new pastor. We need to pray for God's help and assistance to know how to respond and deal with the increasing negative and hostile world in which we find ourselves.

The work of the congregation is not our work but the Lord's and it our privilege to be involved in it and we look to God to bless it.

Psalm 90

<sup>16</sup> Let your work be shown to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.

<sup>17</sup> Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and establish the work of our hands upon us;  
yes, establish the work of our hands!

Marcus McCollum

Clerk

**Lisburn Reformed Presbyterian Church**

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# Annual return

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## Independent Examiners Report

I report on the accounts of **Lisburn Reformed Presbyterian Society** for the year ended 31st December 2019, which are set out on pages 1 to 4.

### 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.

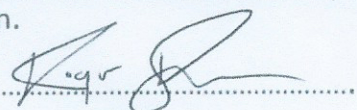
My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

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.

Signed .....



Date: 06/10/2020

Name: **Roger Sloan**

Relevant professional qualification or body: **Chartered Accountant**

Address: **37 Dunnabraggy Road, Moneymore. BT45 7YN.**