

The Clive West Memorial Trust

Company Limited by Guarantee

Trustees' Annual Report (Incorporating the Director's Report)

Year ended 31 May 2023

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, present their report and the unaudited financial statements of the charitable company for the year ended 31 May 2023.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name The Clive West Memorial Trust

Charity registration number 106417

Company registration number NI638570

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The trustees

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Structure, governance and management

The Clive West Memorial Trust is a company limited by guarantee and governed by its Memorandum and Articles. There are eight directors, who for the purposes of charity law are trustees of the Trust, none of whom receive any monetary gain from the Trust. The trustees met three times during the year and undertook their responsibilities with commitment, insight and rigour.

The Trust recognises that an effective board of trustees is essential if the charity is to be effective in achieving its objects. Therefore, the Trust aims to have a board of trustees with a diverse range of skills, experience and knowledge in keeping with the its objectives. The Trust's Articles of Association detail how the board should operate, trustees be appointed, retire or be co-opted.

Where a trustee departs, efforts at recruiting a replacement will take account of the skills being lost by the departure. The board of trustees will use a range of means to recruit a replacement trustee.

Public Benefit Statement

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard for the guidance produced on public benefit by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland and are pleased to report that during the period the charitable company has continued to provide public benefits through the programmes and services we offer.

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Objectives and activities

The Clive West Memorial Trust has been established to honour and reflect the ministry of the Rev. Canon Clive West, Rector of All Saints' Parish, Belfast (1984 - 2000) and Canon of Belfast Cathedral. Rev. Canon West was a Church of Ireland cleric deeply respected and honoured by many within the Anglican Church across the world. The Trust has two activities: providing a regular lecture series, and supporting of several who are training for eventual ordained (or other) ministry in an Anglican context on the island of Ireland.

The charity's objects are specifically restricted to the advancement of the Christian Faith in accordance with the theological basis of the Thirty Nine Articles of Religion, in particular by the following means:

(a) To finance and hold a near annual lecture "The Clive West Memorial Lecture" promoting theological topics closely associated with Clive's emphases during his lifetime in ministry, or alternatively reflecting his interest in mission;

(b) To provide financial support either for ministry training or alternatively the theological education of any individual committed to service as a Pastor/ Teacher within the Church, whether in Ireland or elsewhere, the theological basis of which is in accordance with the Thirty Nine Articles of Religion, where any such individual is not already eligible to receive significant financial assistance from another source or sources; and

(c) To provide financial support to any other individual engaged or seeking to engage in church planting, youth or overseas ministry, the theological basis of which is in accordance with that encompassed by the Thirty Nine Articles of Religion.

The Trust welcomes applications for:

(a) The funding of individuals for ministry training or for theological education as a pastor/teacher in a church, particularly in Ireland but also elsewhere, the theological basis of which is in accordance with the Articles of Religion (The 39 Articles); and

(b) Financial help for an individual engaged in or seeking to engage in church planting, youth or overseas ministry, the theological basis of which is in accordance with the 39 Articles.

The trustees consider applications during the months of October and March for the ensuing academic year. As part of the grant screening process, trustees also consider:

- Details of the candidates' course of study or ministry proposal(s);
- The candidates' Christian background (e.g. testimony, major influences);
- The candidates' age, education, Christian ministry and other work;
- The candidates' hopes, ambitions, plans; and
- An annual budget accounting for any spouse, children or other dependents, including details of other sources of financial assistance the candidate may have.

Candidates must also provide the trustees with references from two referees whom, one of these would normally be a church minister, and the other a lay person who knows the candidate and can assess the candidate's suitability for the training or ministry concerned.

Further details on the objectives, activities and grant application process can be found at

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Achievements and performance

Following on from a season where there were few in-person events, our activities have seen a welcome return to in-person events. The annual lecture series in 2022, was with the Rev Dr Tim Ward, lecturer in Theology at Oak Hill Theological College, London. This saw around 70 people gather in St Nicholas' Church halls, Cadogan Park, Belfast, for his lecture on reading the Bible. His specific area of expertise is hermeneutics, having contributed to work on this discipline from an evangelical's perspective. Again, the profile of those attending encouraged the trustees and reassured that the work of the trust in its offer of an annual lecture is still appreciated and valued by a wider constituency. Especially notable, again, is the younger age profile of attendees.

Financial review

The Trust's income for the year totalled £12,402 (2022 £10,691), which was derived from charitable donations, gift aid and interest. Expenditure for the year totalled £6,395 (2022 £11,240) and was spent mainly providing financial support for theological education. At the year end, the charity had reserves of £21,189 (2022 £15,182) which will enable the Trust to continue operating for the foreseeable future.

Plans for future periods

Going forward the Trust looks forward to having Rev Rico Tice in November 2023. The Trust also looks forward to having further applications for support in bursary towards ministry training. It is a particular encouragement that we have been approached by at least two young people who have indicated a desire towards service on this island and are seeking ministry training towards effective biblical ministry. The trustees are grateful to God for these encouragements.

Another element of the Trust's development is towards the 'widening of the funnel' of those for whom ministry and ministry training ought to be a possibility. This will involve networking with church youth groups and other ministries (mostly parachurch) to create a training network and the organisation and delivery of a teaching programme. This, we hope, will launch proper in September, 2024. As trustees we appreciate the financial support of the many who have contributed to the work of the Trust and are thrilled as to the interest demonstrated by attendance at the various lectures and those approaching the Trust for support.

All in all, we are grateful to God for his sustaining, provision and encouragement.

Reserves Policy

The charity's policy is to retain a level of free reserves which match the needs of the organisation both at the current time and in the foreseeable future. The charity will continue to monitor compliance with this policy and the trustees will regularly review the appropriateness of the policy.

Small company provisions

This report has been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies entitled to the small companies exemption.

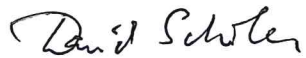
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The trustees' annual report was approved on 12th February 2024 and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr D Scholes
Trustee