

The Clive West Memorial Trust

Company Limited by Guarantee

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

Year ended 31 May 2025

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 2025.

Reference and administrative details

Registered charity name	The Clive West Memorial Trust
Charity registration number	106417
Company registration number	NI638570
Principal office and registered office	9 Kincora Avenue Belfast Co. Antrim BT4 3DW Northern Ireland

The trustees

Mr. D. Scholes	
Rev. T. Anderson	
His Honour Judge A Devlin	
Rev. T. Johnston	
Rev. W Press	
Mr. L. Singleton	(Resigned 26 May 2025)
Mrs. A. West	(Resigned 28 August 2025)
Rev. P. Blair	
Mr. R. Balmer	(Resigned 13 March 2025)
Mrs.. A. Cunningham	
Mr. J. Beare	(Appointed 8 October 2025)
Mrs. V. Brown	(Appointed 8 October 2025)
Dr. T. Dowling	(Appointed 8 October 2025)
Mrs. E. Topley	(Appointed 8 October 2025)

Independent examiner	James Magee Aubrey Campbell & Company 631 Lisburn Road Belfast BT9 7GT
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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 currently eleven 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 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 www.westtrust.co.uk

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Achievements and performance

Since its establishment in 2016, The West Trust has had the privilege of supporting a growing number of ministry candidates in theological training, many of whom are now deployed in various ministry roles. During the year under review, the trustees note with gratitude:

- The continued support of ministry candidates preparing for service in local churches. Presently the Trust is supporting Timothy and Rebecca Purdue, Matthew and Charlotte Burke and (in 2026) likely Peter and Kitty Reid. Each of these are beginning or continuing study at Moore Theological College, Sydney, Australia.
- The further development of the Ministry Training Academy (MTA). Although relatively new, the MTA has generated encouraging levels of interest and participation, demonstrating a clear appetite for accessible and faithful Bible teaching across different age groups. This work is continuing and growing with plans to consolidate even further and the eventual establishment of a West Theological Centre (proposed launch Sept 2028).
- Positive feedback from participants and church leaders regarding the quality and usefulness of the training provided.
- The annual lecture series continues with Dr David Short giving a well received lecture in November 2024. The Rt Rev Dr Yassir Eric gave the December 2025 lecture.

The trustees remain convinced that the need for well-trained pastors and lay leaders is vital for the health and growth of the Church, and they believe the Trust's work continues to contribute meaningfully to this need.

Financial review

The Trust's income for the year totalled £24,482 (2024 £15,479), which was derived from charitable donations, gift aid and interest. Expenditure for the year totalled £27,786 (2024 £23,193) and was spent mainly providing financial support for theological education. At the year end, the charity had reserves of £10,171 (2024 £13,475) which will enable the Trust to continue operating for the foreseeable future.

Plans for future periods

Going forward the Trust looks forward to having a guest lecturer in Autumn 2025. 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 three young people who have indicated a desire towards ministry on this island and are seeking training towards effective biblical ministry. The trustees are grateful to God for these encouragements.

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

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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.

The trustees' annual report was approved on 26/2/26..... and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:



Mr. D. Scholes
Trustee