

**TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2022**

The trustees present their annual report and financial statements for the year ended 30 November 2022.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006 and "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)" (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

Objectives and activities

The charity's objectives are:

1. To advance the Christian religion for the benefit of the public in the area of benefit.
2. Associating together the said inhabitants and the local authorities voluntary and other organisations in the area of benefit in a common effort to relieve poverty and advance education and to provide facilities in the interests of welfare with the object of improving the conditions of life for said inhabitants.

The Lighthouse is a fellowship of believers whose purpose is to know God through a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We equip believers through discipleship for works of service and strive to reach the unreached community with the Saviour's love by offering support, friendship and love.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by the Charity Commission in deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

Grant making policy

Those who journey with us generously financially support our outreach opportunities in addition to hands on help as needed. In addition, we receive regular updates from the local Council with information on grants that are available. As a Fellowship we seek out opportunities for grants and will apply to those that we feel can be supportive of our work and in agreement of our aims and objectives. In addition, we seek out support from local businesses for help with collecting items for our food hampers each Christmas.

Achievements and performance

Ministry

The Lighthouse Fellowship continues to meet twice a week, on Wednesday nights for bible study and in unity with other believers on Friday mornings for prayer for our community and land. We also meet every 3-4 weeks on a Sunday around the Word and to share a meal together. As in previous years we gathered together in unity with believers from other fellowships on Good Friday morning on Slieve Gallion mountain to pray over the community. Anyone is welcome to attend any of our gatherings.

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Local Community Outreach

Community Outreach is a large part of what we do and continues to be the heartbeat of our fellowship. We continued to offer support and show love within the community throughout this financial year. Examples this year include:

- Over 90 food hampers were given out just prior to Christmas 2021 to those in need of extra support and/or encouragement. This effort was supported by folks within the Fellowship and we also received additional support from local businesses and Council.
- A ministry team continued their work with Maghaberry Prison offering support and encouragement to the prisoners. Due to restrictions at the Prison at the start of this financial year, we were unable to visit the prisoners in person, however we continued to connect with the prisoners via Zoom, phone calls and handwritten cards and visited with men who had been released. We were able to resume in person work within both Maghaberry and Magilligan Prisons in June 2022. The Fellowship also collected 1,061 bags of mini eggs for all of the prisoners and staff in Maghaberry which were delivered to the Prison and distributed by Prison Chaplaincy the week before Easter.
- We supported Healing the Land's outreach in May 2022 when a message of hope and peace was shared by Paul Maguire in Maghera.
- We have practically offered assistance to people throughout the community by offering pastoral care, transportation to medical appointments, assistance with home appliances and furniture. In addition we also provided assistance with grass cutting and yard clean up where needed.
- As a Fellowship we visited Stanton Healthcare, Belfast to learn more about their work supporting mothers who have chosen life for their babies, we also had the opportunity to pray with their staff in person. Through weekly updates from Stanton we continue to pray as a fellowship for their work and the families they serve.
- Through our outreach in the community we continue to refer people to Christians Against Poverty (CAP) and local food banks.

Overseas

We continue to actively support the ministry work in Dancu, Moldova financially. In addition, two teams were sent this year to offer spiritual encouragement to the Church and community as well as practically offering training, advice and repairs to new and existing buildings.

Our Fellowship once again supported the Samaritan's Purse online shoe box appeal to provide Christmas shoe box gifts to children in needy communities overseas.

Financial review

The results for the year and the charity's financial position at the end of the year are shown in the attached financial statements. The charity generated a deficit of £87 in the current financial year.

The trustees continually assess the level of reserves to ensure they are able to meet any upcoming commitments that could arise. It is our policy that unrestricted funds which have not been designated for a specific use should be maintained at a level of three months operating expenditure. The trustees believe that this level will ensure that if in the event of a significant drop in income will allow us to maintain our current level of operation while we give consideration into ways in which additional funding can be raised.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to the major risks.

Structure, governance and management

The charity is a company limited by guarantee not having any share capital.

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mr A Campbell

Mr G Stewart

THE LIGHTHOUSE (MAGHERAFELT) LTD.

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chartered accountants

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None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. All of the trustees are members of the company and guarantee to contribute £1 in the event of a winding up.

The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.


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Mr A Campbell
Trustee

Date: 30.8.23
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Mr G Stewart
Trustee