

Report of the Trustees and Unaudited Financial Statements

for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

for

Lisburn Independent Methodist Church

Report of the Trustees for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 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).

The Trustees have regard to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland Annual Reporting and Public Benefits requirement statutory guidance in the preparation of this report and in the course of their business in the reporting period.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Organisation activities

We hold services of worship each Lord's Day and a Bible Study and Prayer Meeting each week. Where available, we also hold a Sunday School and Bible Class for teenagers.

- We provide a structured programme of activities for primary school children in weekly Bible clubs and Summer Holiday Bible Clubs for children from within the church and outside it.

- We seek to reach people outside of the Christian faith as well as nurturing those who profess it, through the preaching and teaching of the Word of God, as contained in the Bible, and through pastoral support and visits.

- We run a Mother and Toddler Group and a Children's Club.

- Where available, we host a website with information about us and our meetings, together with downloadable sermons. -We hold special meetings from time to time, to give a Christian perspective and for evangelistic purposes.

- We hold missionary meetings and endeavor to support a number of missionaries and Missionary Societies both inside and outside our denomination, and both within Northern Ireland and abroad. This support is given through prayer, encouragement, and financial aid. We distribute invitations to meetings and Christian literature to homes in the area of benefit and the surrounding area. We may also seek to support Individuals who find themselves in need, either at home or abroad.

- We also provide a structured programme for teenagers and young people, both inside church premises and outside, and a varied programme of activities, both social and religious, for women from within and without the church fellowship.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Public benefit

The organisation continued to operate within its Public Benefit statement throughout 2024.

- The adoption and maintenance of a spiritual, moral, and social framework that encourages people to be good citizens in their local community.

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The benefit of providing the opportunity to worship God by conducting public services, to pray, and to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ explained and taught.

- The provision of Pastoral ministry to members, attendees, and those who request it from outside the church.

- The promotion of good relationships.

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Support is provided to individuals who find themselves in need, through Missionaries and Missionary organisations in the UK and overseas, both financially and through prayer as the trustees think fit from time to time.

The benefits are demonstrated by:

- Lives transformed for the better, as people seek to live by the teaching of Jesus Christ, to love God as their neighbour as themselves.

- The promotion of good relationships, support offered to people in the community who are elderly, alone, disabled, or hospitalized.

- Promotion of a worldwide vision and helping missionary causes.

- Bridging relationships with people outside the church.

- Young people are being kept 'off the streets' as they interact with others, develop spiritual, social, and moral improvement, learning about the Christian faith.

- Developing spiritual strengths to help cope with the challenges of personal and family life.

There is no harm flowing from our purpose. Our beneficiaries are the general public in and around the district where a church is located, visitors from further afield, and any who listens to services over the internet, where that facility is provided. Our services and programmes are open to all sections of the community. The only private benefit flowing from our purpose is related to the employment of our Ministers, who receive benefits as a result of their employment. However, this is incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purpose, the advancement of religion.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Lisburn IMC has three funds: the General Fund (unrestricted), the Missionary Fund (restricted), and the Church Manse Maintenance and Development Fund (restricted).

The missionary fund is used to support missionaries, missionary organisations, and mission trips as decided by the Trustees. The Church Manse Maintenance and Development fund is used for Lisburn IMC property expenditure.

The receipts for 2024 were £83,901.12 compared to £113,668.00 for 2023.

Total payments in 2024 were £97,293.11 compared to £112,064.00 in 2023.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The church is governed by the Fellowship of Independent Methodist Churches Constitution. The Constitution was reviewed, and the revised document was adopted at our annual members meeting on 26th March 2014.

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Charity constitution

Lisburn Independent Methodist Church is a member of the Fellowship of Independent Methodist churches and was formed in October 1980. The charity was registered with the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland on 17th October 2018.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

107138

Principal address

68 Causeway End Road

Lisburn

BT28 2ED

Trustees

Rev E Moore (Pastor, Chairman)

Mr B Hamilton (Church Secretary)

Mr V Kealey (Treasurer)

Mr J Anderson

Mr R Boles

Mr P Bond

Mr K Wilson

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17-09-25

and signed on its behalf by:

Trustee

