

DIRECTORS ANNUAL REPORT
for the period ended 31 August 2022

Directors

The directors at the date of this report and those who served during the financial year together are listed below:

Benjamin Ewan (appointed 10th April 2017)

Shane Birney (appointed 10th April 2017)

Alan Carson (appointed 10th April 2017)

Craig Johnston (appointed 23 May 2022)

Alan Corry-Finn (appointed 23 May 2022)

Objectives and Activities

Our vision is to bring Jesus and His Way to those around us, in the places we live work and play – restoring hope to our city and region by loving those on the fringes, mending the broken heart and empowering people to live with possibility and purpose.

We are committed to serving our city and region, demonstrating the love of God in tangible ways as a people of generosity and compassion.

Objectives:

- To advance the Christian faith
- To provide Christian teaching and education including the promotion of healthy relationships, mental health and well-being, and practical life skills.
- To provide pastoral care for members across a range of issues that affect wider society, supporting individuals and groups to flourish
- To support the renewal of our communities by provide opportunities for our members to participate in projects that bring hope and life

Activities:

Throughout this period, we've been able to work within our objectives by providing a range of activities, programmes, and support, including for example, the following:

- Sunday morning services with kid's programme, corporate worship, and teaching
- Church at Home – we've continued to record and make services available online
- Bi-weekly small groups (hubs) supporting discipleship in various locations

- Bi-weekly training for leaders and volunteers (Equip)
- Interactive discipleship programme for women (Woman of Worth)
- Youth Group for 11-18 years
- 6-weekly participation in community partnership meetings
- Quarterly Community Events – Scarlet Yarn Fair, Bloom Tots and Tea Initiative
- Special services at Easter, Mother's and Father's Day, Pentecost Sunday, Ash Wednesday, Christmas Candle and Carols, Christmas Families Party, Big Carol Sing
- Community Service Projects – including love Donegal days, Factory Reset Initiative
- *Compassion* projects including **Food giveaway**, **Em-power** project providing emergency electric to those in need, **Hope Boxes** – providing emergency supplies to local partners include Foyle Women's Aid, **Bloom** – an initiative for young families to provide practical and emotional support for families with new-borns
- One to one prayer, pastoral support, prayer support through prayer zoom
- Places for connection and belonging – book club, Friday night coffee, come dine with me initiative
- Termly activities for kids and families
- Termly newcomers' lunch

Structure, Governance and Management

Foyle Vineyard Church is a company limited by guarantee. It is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association and the liability of each member is limited to an amount not exceeding £1. Foyle Vineyard Church is also a Registered Charity NIC107753 with the Charity Commission NI.

Financial Review

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities for the Period 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022, which shows the results of the company is set out on page 9-11 of the accounts. The reported surplus for the period is £443. The trustees continually review all funding opportunities to maximize the incoming resources for the organisation.

Reserves Policy

The company's policy is to achieve a level of free reserves which matches the needs of the company both at the current time and the foreseeable future. Free reserves are those unrestricted reserves which are available for general use.

Public Benefit

In setting our objectives and planning our activities for the year, the directors/ trustees

have given careful consideration to the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland's statutory guidance on public benefit to ensure that the activities have helped achieve the charity purpose and provide a benefit to the beneficiaries.

Special Provisions relating to small companies

The above report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

By order of the Board

Ben Ewan

Director (Trustee)

22nd March 2022