Armagh City Vineyard Church
(A company limited by guarantee, not having share capital)

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
for the year ended 31 August 2023

The Trustees, who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report prepared in accordance with Charities SORP (effective January 2015) with the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2023, also prepared in accordance with the aforementioned Statement of Recommended Practice and FRS102.

Trustees
The trustees at the date of this report and those who served during the financial year together with the dates of any changes, are set out on page 1 and are listed below.

Garry Archer (resigned 18 October 2023)
Nicole Grundmeier-Curran
Christopher Leech
Rodney Wilson
Shirley Tang

Objectives and Activities

The Mission: To see the lost found and the found grown.
We are committed to reach out to those who don't know God and to help those who have found God grow to their full potential.
Our vision is to be a church that exists for those who don't yet know Jesus and for those who do but long to see their friends, families and co workers know God through a vibrant real relationship with Jesus Christ.
We are committed to serving our communities through being practical, generous and compassionate.

Objectives:
- To advance the Christian faith
- To further Christian education
- To relieve sickness, financial hardship and poverty and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling, training in life skills and support
- To further or benefit the residents of Armagh and the surrounding area, in partnership with local authorities, voluntary and other organisations in common effort to advance education, foster cross community partnerships and to provide facilities in the interests of social welfare.

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Activities:

- Weekly Sunday morning gatherings with creche, kids club and church service.
- Monthly Prayer meeting
- Partnering with PSNI and local council to tackle antisocial behaviour
- Providing food hampers to local foodbank, Simon community hostel, refugee families, schools and other referrals
- Partnering with agencies to meet needs of clients (Chest Heart and Stroke Association) eg house clean ups, rooms redecorated
- Small Group meetings in homes, coffee shops, bars etc
- Assisted local charity for the homeless and addicts with clean-ups etc
- Rubbish pick ups in local housing estates
- Kids clubs and giveaways in socially deprived housing areas
- Hosting a community Carol Service
- Ladies Fitness club running weekly
- Befriending Programme on the streets
- Community Branches on local Community centre
- Regular giveaways to local business and housing areas

Annual Review

Armagh City Vineyard church is committed to reaching out to people who do not know God. Throughout this financial year our church has had weekly Sunday Gatherings in a local Cricket club where anyone is invited and can join in.

In December, we worked with 12 local agencies including local schools, Social Service's Family Placement Teams, Health visitors, Primary Mental Health Care team and Addictions Team as well as Barbados to identify families in need and each family was supplied with a Christmas Food hamper. This meant we supported over 350 people.

In addition, we operated a Connect café space for people to drop in and have a chat and free cup of tea or coffee. We have welcomed many people from a variety of backgrounds and needs including the lonely and isolated, adults with special learning needs, newcomer families and people with additions. This space has allowed many to belong and make new friends and strengthen their support network.

A youth Connect space ran during term time to provide a space for High school age young people to have a chat and a free cuppa. This was attended by young people from three local High Schools and young people from a variety of backgrounds including newcomer families.

During the year our church did garden clean-ups and litter picks around the city. Referrals for these usual come through our connect café environment.

Alongside this we work closely with Armagh Foodbank and Links Counselling service to further support the needs of the people we meet in and around Armagh.

Structure, Governance and Management

Armagh City 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. An application has been made to the Charity Commission of Northern Ireland.

Financial Review

The statement of financial activities which shows the results of the company is set out on page 10. The reported surplus for the period is £134,671 (2022: £799). The trustees continually review all funding opportunities to maximise the incoming resources for the charity.

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 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

Nicole Grundmeier-Curran
Trustee

Date: 29th May 2024