

**Centre 61 Ministries (Registered Number: NI 666904)**

**Report of the Trustees**

**For the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2026, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 31<sup>st</sup> 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 (FSR 102) (effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019).

**OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

Centre 61 Ministries desire is to build up, encourage and nurture people who profess a faith in Jesus Christ and to see people to come to faith in Jesus outside the church community. The charity aims to provide a place where regular biblical teaching, worship and support for our members and children can happen.

The charity aims to work locally with all sections of the community to provide support and care to those in need therefore demonstrating the love of God.

**ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE**

2024 was welcomed in with a New Year's party at Glenada, with members and friends of Centre61 enjoying food, fun games and fellowship through out the evening. The first Sunday gathering of 2024 was a reflection on how God had blessed us as a church family in 2023. We continued to gather at Glenada on Sundays and the Centre on Tuesday nights for prayer and worship.

May brought the now annual summer preparations of the Northfield site with the Large Marquee being erected. This facilitated the special Pentecost night on 13<sup>th</sup> May where Centre61 church family celebrated Pentecost with over 800 people from different churches in Northern Ireland.

This year brought a lot of change to Centre 61 as we released the Molesky family back to the USA, to continue the journey that God had planned for them, serving Him in a new

way in their home country. A farewell BBQ was held at Northfield just before their departure to the states. We will be forever indebted to them for the sacrifice they made during their five years with us at Centre 61. The benefit of prayer support, advice and simple conversation between church members and the Molesky family have been a great comfort and opening channels for new and exciting ways to partner together for God's Kingdom.

Sunday morning gatherings moved location to the Marquee at the Northfield site in May and with that change we felt that our time in the Glenada building come to an end. We are very grateful for the YMCA for the time we were able to rent the facilities.

The third Nua Festival was held again on the Northfield site one weekend in June. Again, many of our church members were blessed by serving on several teams throughout the festival. Relationships with other churches was strengthened and renewed during the weekend. A real sense community and love for others was felt with new churches gathering with those who had already been before. All ages from tiny tots to grandparents were blessed to have time together and in their own spaces where God's word was faithfully preached.

During the summer months we had the opportunity to gather mid-week to worship and enjoy God's presence. This was hosted by visiting missionaries, Wytze and Ageeth Valkema. We are grateful for all that they spiritually poured into church life during those months.

After prayerful consideration the trustees felt lead to consider a more permanent structure for meeting at the Northfield site. A semi-permanent Marquee was resourced and priced. Through the generosity of partnering church CU, Champaign USA and individual donors the funding for purchasing the marquee was found. A wonderful evening of fun with the Band Salvation Rocks also provided an opportunity to donate towards the cost of the marquee. Groundwork required for the marquee was started in late Autumn time. The Marquee was delivered in the Autumn time. Services for Sunday gatherings we held in the Centre with Kids ministry being held in the neighbouring Methodist church Halls. We are indebted to the Methodist church for their kindness in the lend of this space during this period.

Visiting speakers throughout the year from several different churches within the Tobar network gave great blessing to the whole church family and allowed the relationship between the churches to strengthen. Partnering with the 24/7 prayer movement with a

day a month being dedicated to 24hour prayer gave a real deepening of faith to the members of C61 who participated.

A course of core bible teaching nights was a wonderful time during the Autumn months of getting back to basics.

The ladies' outreach, called "Daughters" that was started in 2023 continued throughout the 2024 with special event nights such as Fit for Life and a wreath workshop night. These were attended well, with the wreath making night turning out to be a very special night with over 40 ladies, many who had never been in contact with Centre 61 before.

As the end of 2024 came to a close, the Centre 61 family enjoyed a kids Christmas movie night, a nativity play and a fun New Years' party.

Throughout 2024 God has blessed Centre 61 with new families, new meeting spaces and a strengthening and deepening of relationships within the family of God. Our desire for 2025 is to see more lives transformed and renewed for His Glory.

## FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity has a healthy cash flow and has no outstanding debts. The charity's income comes through donations from the church members, individuals known to the ministry and partnering church, CU Champaign. Most of the money donated is used for day to day running costs of the charity with some this year designated towards the purchase of the new Marquee.

## FUTURE PLANS

The charity's aim to build up its connection with the community of Newcastle as well as establish more connections within a wider church community. It is keen to see the physical and spiritual needs of the community around us met by continuing to provide biblical teaching, practical help and pastoral care.

## STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The trustees also act as directors for the charity. The charity has a joint leadership team made up of the directors. They each have equal responsibility, authority and power in decision making. When a unanimous decision cannot be made, a majority decision is reached. Within the context of Centre 61 Ministries these directors serve as leaders and are responsible for all decision making along with the wider church leadership team.

Centre 61 Ministries has a memorandum and articles of association, the charity is constructed as a Limited Company by guarantee.

All trustees must pass a strict criteria, they must be above reproach, of a good reputation and be responsible with money. A unanimous decision must be reached by all trustees when appointing new trustees.

All risks posed to the charity are covered by professional indemnity insurance. All appropriate procedures and systems are in place to ensure that criteria are met to comply with insurance policies. The charity has safeguarding policy in place for working with children and all volunteers are appropriately vetted.

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Registered Company Number

NI666904 (Northern Ireland)

Registered Charity Number

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