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Purpose

The advancement of religion.

The Church provides benefits to its members and the general public by seeking to promote the Christian Gospel through our purpose of the advancement of religion. In promoting the Gospel, we believe its values benefit both individuals and society as a whole. The teachings of Scripture aim to reach those outside of the Christian faith as well as building up and nurturing those who profess it. The facilities make provision for both the local community to use as well as other outside groups whose interests are compatible with the Church ethos. The Church programme and facilities also nurture children and young people to develop socially, educationally, physically and spiritually. The more senior groups enjoy interaction that enables them to maintain a positive well-being and social identity. The worship services are freely open to the general public as are the various elements of the weekly programme, given the age and gender restrictions that apply to the various groups. Attendees, parents, members and adherents, have all expressed their appreciation of the Christian ethos and moral guidance given by the Church. No General public, Children (5-13), Men, Women, Older people, Parents, Preschool (0-5), Youth (14-25), and local, national and international charities. The only private benefit flowing from our purpose is related to the Minister and Church Organist, who receive financial benefits which are necessary and incidental to the carrying out of duties as a result of their positions.

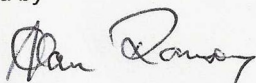
The finances of the Church are in a healthy position with no outstanding invoices and regular income from members and adherents.

The Trustees responsibilities are to ensure that the Church is operating in a manner which is in agreement with the Trustee Document and the Constitution.

Approved by the Trustees at a meeting on

17/2/2015

Signed by



ALBERT BRIDGE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT

2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000, the members have elected, in accordance with the provisions in The Charities Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015, to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

2. FUND ACCOUNTING

The Endowment funds of the Church are funds, the capital of which has been retained either permanently or at the discretion of the members, the income derived from the endowment is used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first instance.

The restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor, where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

3. NAME OF CHARITY AS IT APPEARS ON THE REGISTER

Albert Bridge Congregational Church

4. NI CHARITY COMMISSION NUMBER

109083

5. THE PURPOSE OF THE CHARITY

The Advancement of Religion

6. NAMES OF CHARITY'S TRUSTEES

Robert Kennedy, Michael Porter, Alan Ranson, Robert Scott.

7. REPORT STATUS

This report relates to the financial year 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

8. PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT

The Church provides benefits to its members and the general public by seeking to promote the Christian Gospel through our purpose of the advancement of religion. In promoting the Gospel, we believe its values benefit both individuals and society as a whole. The teachings of the Word aim to reach those outside of the Christian faith as well as building up and nurturing those who profess it. The facilities make provision for both the local community to use as well as other outside groups, free of charge. The Church programme and facilities also nurture children and young people to develop, socially, educationally, physically and spiritually. The more senior groups enjoy the interaction which enables them to develop both mentally and socially.

The worship services are open to the general public, as advertised on a displayed banner. The various elements of the weekly programme are also open to all, given the age and gender restrictions that apply to the various groups. Attendees, parents, members and adherents, have all expressed their appreciation of the Christian ethos and moral guidance given by the Church.

The only private benefit flowing from our purpose is related to the Minister who receives a benefit as a result his employment. However, this is incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purpose. The beneficiaries of this purpose are members, adherents, their families, other individuals with whom the Church is in direct and indirect contact. The local community, in which pastoral services are provided, other communities in Northern Ireland and worldwide, benefit with our engagement and support for both Christian and other secular organisations, charities and other members of the public.

The Church continues to respond to appeals for financial assistance with International Disasters, through Tear Fund and the DEC, as well as its longstanding connections with Missionary Societies. The Church also gives weekly food donations to Storehouse for distribution to those in need. Donations are also made to the Christmas hampers which Storehouse distributes during the Advent season. There is also an annual event, organised on the Church premises, and run by church members, in aid of the MacMillan Appeal.

9. FINANCIAL POSITION 31 DECEMBER 2024

The income is derived, in the main, from voluntary contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 45 contributors during the year (47 in the previous year) donating a total of £35,364 (33,205 in the previous year).

Total income to the Church during the year was £83,068 compared to £92,195 in the previous year.

Total expenditure increased from £63,614 in the previous year to £72,496 in this financial year. The main increase was a necessary re-roofing of the Manse, as well as other property repairs and maintenance.

The Trustees are cognizant of the age of the church premises, including the Manse, and the need to upgrade furnishings, fixtures, plant and safety requirements.

10. RESPONSIBILITIES IN RESPECT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Trustees have prepared the Annual Report and the financial statement in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. The Trustees have ensured that the preparation of this financial statement of this financial year is a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Church and its financial activities. In preparing the financial statement, The Trustees have selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently. They have made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent and have prepared the statement on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Funds will continue in operation.

The Trustees are satisfied that there are adequate accounting records that show and explain the funds transactions and disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Church to its members. They are also satisfied that the assets of the Church are safeguarded and have reasonable procedures in place for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

11. GOING CONCERN

The activities of the congregation remain dependent upon the ongoing contributions from its members and adherents. The Trustees are of the opinion that there are sufficient resources, at the date of approval of these financial statements, to meet commitments which will arise in the next financial year, subject to the continuing support from the congregation.

12. RESERVES POLICY

The Trustees consider it prudent to hold reserves at a level where the funding of its present activities is dependant upon the ongoing financial support of the congregation. The present reserve is £65000.

13. RISK REVIEW

The main risks are in relation to the likelihood of reputational damage and financial risks associated with the expectation of ongoing support from members. These risks are mitigated by the Trustees and the Leadership Group monitoring the various activities of the Church at stated meetings and encouraging the congregation in regular giving.

14. FUNDS IN DEFICIT

There are no funds, held by the Charity, that are in deficit.

15. SIGNATURE OF TRUSTEES

Alan Ranson. 30 November 2025