

FREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

STORNOWAY CONGREGATION

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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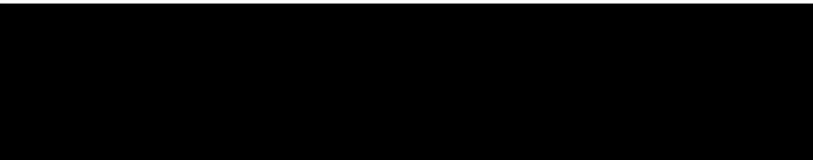
DEACONS' COURT REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland Stornoway Congregation

The Stornoway Congregation, Matheson Road, Stornoway is a congregation of the Free Presbyterian Church of Scotland ("the Church"). The organisation and government of the Church are based on the Presbyterian system. The constitution of the Church is identified in the Deed of Separation dated 14 August 1893. The congregation provides gospel ordinances and pastoral care in the town of Stornoway. Any member of the public is welcome to attend the gospel services which are maintained in the church building throughout the year.

Members of the Deacons' Court and their responsibilities

The Deacons' Court is responsible for administering the temporal affairs of the congregation, including the maintenance of the church finances. All members of the Deacons' Court, except for the Chairman, are Trustees *ex officio*.

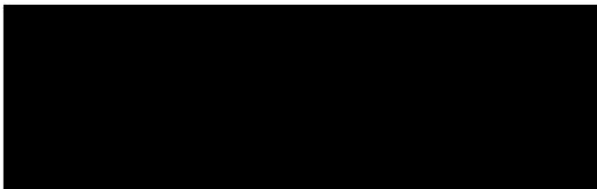


Reserves of the Congregation

General Fund - The Church Door Collection, taken by plate at each service, and other donations to Congregational Funds are recorded in the General Fund of the Congregation. The Church Door collection is the main source of income to the local congregation and is used to fund general congregational expenditure, including expenditure on the running and on-going maintenance of the church building and manse.

Special Collections Fund - Collections and Donations received for specified central funds of the Church are recognised in the Special Collections Fund. The total amount of these collections and donations are remitted to the General Treasurer of the Church. In 2024 the total amount received for Special Collections was £24,040. Also include in the Special Collections fund are monies received and disbursed to the Trinitarian Bible Society, Bethesda, Scottish Reformation Society, and also a special collection during the year for [REDACTED]

The Deacons' Court are thankful that the funds of the Congregation continue to be in a healthy condition and they acknowledge their indebtedness to the great Head of the Church for His maintenance of His cause among us throughout another year and for giving our people a mind to do what they can in providing for its material needs. However, as always we should be conscious that these are only a means to an end of advancing the Kingdom of Christ and seeking the good of souls in this world, for which the blessing of the Holy Spirit is absolutely necessary.



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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT For the Year Ended 31 December 2024

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	Unrestricted General Fund £	Restricted Special Collections £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
RECEIPTS				
Collections and Donations				
Church Door Collections	29,614	-	29,614	26,523
Sabbath School Income	-	-	-	-
Other Donations	-	-	-	150
Sustentation Fund	-	14,868	14,868	14,786
Home Mission Fund	-	1,236	1,236	1,297
Jewish & Foreign Mission Fund	-	1,462	1,462	1,360
College & Library Fund	-	1,195	1,195	1,595
Bookroom Fund	-	476	476	495
General Building Fund	-	447	447	590
Overseas Fund	-	483	483	435
Outreach Fund	-	465	465	487
Other Collections	-	1,282	1,282	917
Presentation - Rev Talloch	-	3,445	3,445	-
Achmore Cost Transfers	3,473	-	3,473	1,388
Gift Aid	3,283	3,408	6,691	6,894
Total Collections & Donations	36,370	28,767	65,137	56,917
Receipts from Investments				
Bank Interest	114	-	114	100
Other Charitable Activities				
Sale of Church Magazines	29	-	29	44
Tapes Income	45	-	45	60
Heating & Lighting Allowances	-	-	-	501
	74	-	74	605
Capital Receipt				
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	36,558	28,767	65,325	57,622

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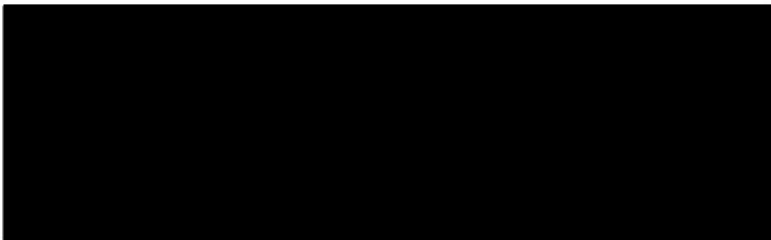
	Unrestricted General Fund £	Restricted Special Collections £	2024 Total Funds £	2023 Total Funds £
PAYMENTS				
Relating to Charitable Activities				
Remittances to General Treasurer	-	24,040	24,040	24,715
Church Building Costs				
Repairs and Upkeep of Property	6,017	-	6,017	3,301
Heating and Lighting	14,486	-	14,486	11,559
Cleaning	1,699	-	1,699	1,548
Insurance & Council Tax	2,138	-	2,138	2,107
Church Officer	1,500	-	1,500	500
Total Church Building Cost	25,840		25,840	19,015
Manse Building Costs				
Repairs and Upkeep of Property	4,123	-	4,123	542
Heating and Lighting	2,218	-	2,218	3,662
Insurance & Council Tax	2,637	-	2,637	3,241
Total Manse Cost	8,978	-	8,978	7,445
Other Expenditure				
Congregational				
Tapes Expenditure	-	-	-	-
Church Magazines	177	-	177	63
Communion Expenses	760	-	760	1,514
Pulpit Supply	2,137	-	2,137	-
Sabbath School Expenses	254	-	254	75
Telephones, Postage, Photocopying	870	-	870	877
Supplement to Minister's Stipend	-	-	-	2,250
Minister's National Insurance & Sundry	905	-	905	750
Motor Expenses	74	-	74	1,209
Purchase of Bibles	-	-	-	-
Total Congregational Expenditure	5,177	-	5,177	6,738
Other Donations				
Trinitarian Bible Society		320	320	260
Bethesda Hospice Donation		700	700	405
Scottish Reformation Society		150	150	244
Presentation - Rev & Mrs Talloch		5,114	5,114	-
FP Church Zimbabwe School	1,000	-	1,000	-
	1,000	6,284	7,284	909
Total Other Expenditure	6,177	6,284	12,461	7,647
Total Payments relating directly to Charitable Activities	40,995	30,324	71,319	58,822
Governance Costs				
Presbytery & Synod Expenses	663	-	663	816
Examiner's Remuneration	288	-	288	264
Total Governance Costs	951	-	951	1,080
TOTAL PAYMENTS	41,946	30,324	72,270	59,902
Transfers	(1,669)	1,669	-	
SURPLUS/DEFICIT FOR YEAR	(7,057)	112	(6,945)	(2,280)

FREE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SCOTLAND STORNOWAY CONGREGATION
STATEMENT OF BALANCES AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

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	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>General</u> <u>Fund</u> £	<u>Restricted</u> <u>Special</u> <u>Collections</u> £	<u>2024</u> <u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> £	<u>2023</u> <u>Total</u> <u>Funds</u> £
<u>Bank and Cash in Hand</u>				
Balance at 01 January 2024	31,093	2	31,095	33,375
Surplus/Deficit for year	(7,057)	112	(6,945)	(2,280)
Balance at 31 December 2024	24,036	114	24,150	31,095
<u>Cash Assets</u>				
Royal Bank Treasurer's Account	16,804	114	16,918	22,724
Royal Bank Sabbath School Acct.	6,717	-	6,717	7,864
Dr P A Macleod Bequest Account	515	-	515	507
Total Bank and Cash in Hand	24,036	114	24,150	31,095
<u>Property Assets</u>	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	24,036	114	24,150	31,095
<u>Liabilities</u>	-	-	-	-

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf



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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS 31 DECEMBER 2024

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1. Gift Aid Scheme

Totals included within the collections and donations in the Receipts and Payments Account include amounts reclaimed as part of the Gift Aid Scheme. The amount reclaimed in 2024 was £6,691.

2. Trustees' Remuneration and Expenses

As authorised by the Deacons' Court, payments of £1,000 and £500 were made to Trustees W Mackay and C Maciver respectively, for their services as Church Officer.

3. Property Assets

The congregation owns the Church and the attached Church Hall on Matheson Road , Stornoway. The Trustees do not have cost information available and they do not consider it an appropriate use of congregational funds to have properties valued purely for accounting purposes. The congregation owns the manse at Fleming Place

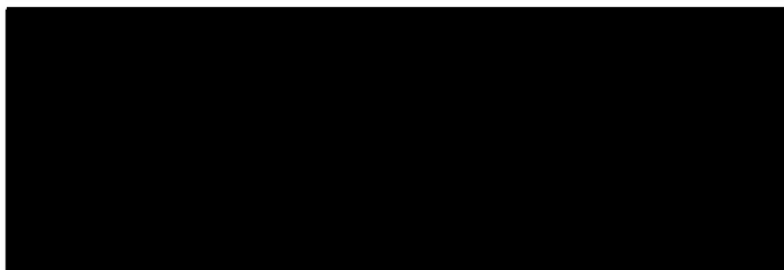
4. Liabilities

There are no liabilities

5. Capital Receipts

There were no Capital Receipts in 2024

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Report to the Trustees by the Independent Examiner for the Year Ended 31 December 2024

I report on the Accounts of the church for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out in pages 4 to 7.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1)(d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the accounts as required under Section 44(1)(c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeks explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name

Address CIB Services, 63 Kenneth Street, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, HS1 2DS

Signed

Date

28.03.25