

German Speaking Congregation in Glasgow

Registered Charity SC014274 ** TO BE WOUND UP **

1 Chalmers Crescent, Edinburgh, EH9 1TW

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st December 2024

Aims and Objectives

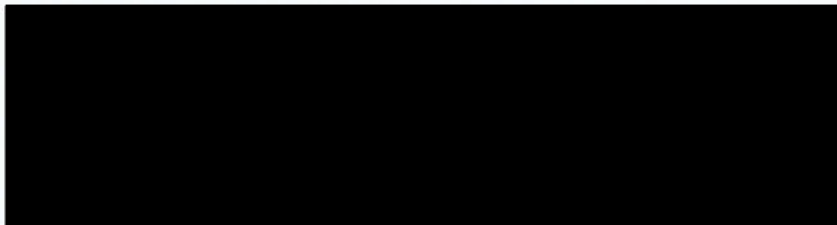
We are a church congregation. Our objectives, as enshrined in our constitution of 1st May 1961, as subsequently amended, are to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ as the Word of God in the strength of the Holy Spirit and on the basis of the Old and New Testaments.

Specifically, in its proclamation of the Gospel, its pastoral care and social work, the Congregation recognises its responsibility towards all German-speaking persons residing permanently or temporarily in the western half of Scotland, the eastern half being the responsibility of our sister congregation in Edinburgh/Aberdeen.

Administration

The ultimate governing body of the Charity is its membership, in the form of the Congregational Assembly, which makes decisions at its Annual or Extraordinary General Meetings. The day to day management of the Charity's affairs is vested in a committee known as the Church Council. All members of this committee act as Trustees and thus as formal owners of the congregation's assets on its behalf.

Members of the committee were:



Activities

Regular church services continued to take place monthly in the Belmont Room of Kelvinside Hillhead Church, mostly on Saturday afternoons.

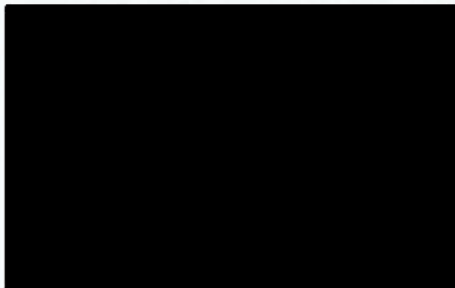
Consent from OSCR was given on 22nd November 2023 both for the change of name of our sister congregation in Edinburgh/Aberdeen (SC009066) to "German Speaking Congregation in Scotland", and for our union with that congregation, by way of Glasgow congregation being wound up after having transferred all our assets to that congregation.

Following preparatory work going back several years, this union finally went ahead this year, taking effect de facto from January 2024. This was duly formalized at our first joint AGM on 4th May 2024, when a new revision of our constitution was adopted.

Membership of this joint congregation stood at 113 (20 in Glasgow, 93 in Edinburgh/Aberdeen).

Financially, all our expenses throughout the year were met directly from Edinburgh, while all our readily accessible funds were run down to a zero balance at year end, and transferred to Edinburgh. We retained only some £632k in fixed term investments that were to mature during 2025. We nevertheless considered even those assets transferred by virtue of the fact that the new committee consisted of all committee members of the originally separate congregations. Meanwhile (at time of writing, September 2025) those funds have also been transferred.

For the Trustees



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Receipts and Payments Account for the Year ended 31/12/2024

Receipts	2024	2023
Membership subscriptions	1700.00	2025.00
Donations		93.00
Gift Aid		545.60
Collections (own purposes)	455.00	486.15
Collections (external purposes)		296.20
Grants		836.00
Investment income	25949.79	9105.02
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Ordinary Receipts	28104.79	13386.97
Transfer from Reserves	370000.00	
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Total Receipts	398104.79	13386.97
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Payments	2024	2023
Insurance		350.80
Parish work		33.13
Travel		555.59
Postage etc.		512.84
Synod contribution		21850.00
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Ordinary Payments	0.00	23302.36
Transfer to Edinburgh/Aberdeen	428955.29	
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Total Payments	428955.29	23302.36
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Ordinary Surplus (Deficit)	28104.79	(3772.44)
Plus Transfer from Reserves	370000.00	28162.28
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Net Surplus (Deficit)	398104.79	24389.84
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All funds are unrestricted.

Statement of Balances as at 31/12/2024

Funds Reconciliation

	2024	2023
Cash at bank at start of year	30850.50	43261.52
Surplus (Deficit) for year	398104.79	(12411.02)
Transfer to Edinburgh	(428955.29)	
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Cash at bank at end of year	0.00	30850.50

Bank Balances

Bank of Scotland Treasurers account	0.00	30850.50
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Investments

Bank of Scotland 32-day account		174593.84	Note 5
Hampshire Trust Bank		200000.00	
Skipton Building Society	631837.72	631837.72	Note 6
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Miscellaneous Other Assets

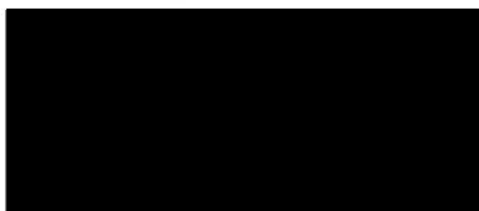
Notes

Church Organ	50000	50000	2, 3
Communion goblet	350	350	2
Communion patten	1800	1800	2
Presentation trowel	350	350	2
Ford Focus car (50% share)	3927	3927	4

Notes:

- 1) All funds are unrestricted.
- 2) These items shown at 2019 valuation.
- 3) Organ is on loan to St Bride's Episcopal Church in Hyndland, Glasgow
- 4) The car (acquired in 2016 for £13195, valued in 2018 at £7854) is shown at half this value because it was 50% co-funded by our sister congregation in Edinburgh.
- 5) This figure includes accrued interest of 4593.84.
- 6) Fixed bonds maturing in 2025. These have meanwhile been transferred to Edinburgh.

For the Trustees



Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the
German Speaking Congregation in Glasgow
1 Chalmers Crescent, Edinburgh, EH9 1TW
Scottish Charity number SC014274

I report on the accounts of the above charity for the year ended
31st December 2024 which are set out on the attached two pages.

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 (as amended). 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.

My examination is carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of
the 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 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 view given by the accounts.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my
attention 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 to which, in
my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper
understanding of the accounts to be reached.

