

Scottish Charity Number SC038988

## **Women for Mission**

### **Trustees' Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended 30 April 2026**



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## Women for Mission

### Report of the Trustees

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the Financial Statements of Women for Mission (WfM) for the year ended 30 April 2026.

#### Status of Charity

WfM is the recognised women's association of the Free Church of Scotland.

It is a registered Scottish Charity (No. SC038988) and is administered under the terms of the Constitution.

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#### Aim

The aim of WfM is the advancement of religion by promoting interest in, and giving practical support to, the Church's Mission work at home and abroad.

#### Trustees

At the Annual Business Meeting on 24 May 2007 the decision was taken to appoint the WfM Executive as Charity Trustees.

The members of the Executive who served during the year ended 30 April 2026 were as follows:

Mrs Wilma Nicolson (President)  
Mrs Sarah Lytle (Secretary)  
Mrs Catherine Joan Macdonald (Vice President)  
Mrs Holly Smith (Treasurer)

#### Activities

Individuals and WfM groups throughout Scotland have worked to raise funds for the association's projects.

- During the past year WfM raised funds by means of its annual project, Flourish. The funds from this project will be distributed to help support four groups and causes:
  - **The Mamie Martin Fund (Malawi)** - Funds raised will go towards grants to support several girls in their final two years of secondary school as part of their 'Keeping Girls in School' project. This project provides pastoral support, education to empower the girls to make informed life decisions in the future, and basic necessities such as notebooks and travel costs;
  - **Christ the Saviour Presbyterian Church (Krakow)** - Due to the small number of reformed churches and believers living in Poland, there is very little in the way of Gospel-centred, reformed literature in the Polish language. Funds raised will go towards translating, editing and proofreading for a Polish translation of the Reformation Study Bible;
  - **Free Church Youth Camps (Scotland)** - Funds raised will go towards the cost of running Free Church Youth Camps and will provide opportunities for more children to attend camps as well as widen the camps' options for activities; and
  - **Junction 12 (Glasgow)** - Junction 12 works with children and young people in the east end of Glasgow, among the 5% most deprived areas in Scotland. All activities run are underpinned by Christian values. Funds raised will go

towards their residential camps and will allow young people to attend. The camps are an opportunity to develop friendships, and build social and communication skills and to learn more about the Christian faith.

- During the year WfM continued to sell copies of the ever popular Favourite Recipes cookery book. From the sale of Favourite Recipes donations totalling £3,000 have been made in the year to:
  - Tearfund for work ongoing in Sudan; and
  - Tearfund's Middle East appeal.
- Heart-4-Home – The fund was set up to encourage local churches and individuals to reach out with compassion into the local community. In the last year four grants totalling £1,850 have been given out to Free Church outreach projects in Scotland. During the year, this funding has been used to:
  - contribute to the cost of AV equipment for a church group;
  - assist with the running costs of children's clubs;
  - assist with the purchase of a dishwasher; and
  - assist with the running costs of a youth group.
- Support a Volunteer – The fund was set up to give financial assistance to travel expenses of members of the Free Church of Scotland volunteering for short-term mission work overseas. During the year grants were paid to three individuals which totalled £1,700.

### Reserves

Taking account of the deficit for the year of £13,877 which arose as a result of the timing of receipts and payments, WfM held total funds amounting to £46,776 at 30 April 2026. These consisted of the following:

		£
Unrestricted Funds	General Fund	4,367
	Designated - Biennial Conference Fund	897
	Designated - Women's Ministry Fund	11,135
Restricted Funds	Project 2025/26: Flourish	22,468
	Heart for Home	2,177
	Favourite Recipes	2,650
	Support a Volunteer	3,082
		<u>46,776</u>

The purpose of each fund is described in the Notes to the Accounts.

The Trustees are satisfied with the level of reserves retained by the Charity.

### On behalf of the Trustees



**Holly Smith**  
Trustee

Date: 15 May 2026

## **Women for Mission**

### **Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Women for Mission**

I report on the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 April 2026 which are set out on pages 6 to 11.

#### **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 (as amended). The charity trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the 2006 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 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 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 view given by 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
- 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.



**Christina Macleod** (B.A. Hons, C.A)  
Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland  
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Date: 15/05/2026

## Women for Mission

### Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 30 April 2026

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
		£	£	£	£
<i>Receipts</i>					
Receipts from Fundraising Activities	5	-	51,313	51,313	59,684
Donations	6	2,779	-	2,779	9,425
Biennial conference receipts	7	-	-	-	4,227
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<u>2,779</u>	<u>51,313</u>	<u>54,092</u>	<u>73,336</u>
<i>Payments</i>					
Expenses for Fundraising Activities	8	-	2,297	2,297	1,920
Payments Relating Directly to Charitable Activities:					
Donations	9	1,750	60,850	62,600	67,501
Volunteer Funding			1,700	1,700	3,400
Biennial Conference Payments	10	-	-	-	4,226
Governance Costs	11	1,372	-	1,372	528
<b>Total Payments</b>		<u>3,122</u>	<u>64,847</u>	<u>67,969</u>	<u>77,575</u>
<b>Net Receipts/(Payments)</b>		<b>(343)</b>	<b>(13,534)</b>	<b>(13,877)</b>	<b>(4,239)</b>
Transfer (from)/to Funds	12	(2,226)	2,226	-	-
<b>(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year</b>		<u>(2,569)</u>	<u>(11,308)</u>	<u>(13,877)</u>	<u>(4,239)</u>
Total Funds Brought Forward		18,968	41,685	60,653	64,892
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward</b>		<u>16,399</u>	<u>30,377</u>	<u>46,776</u>	<u>60,653</u>

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### Statement of Balances as at 30 April 2026

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash and Bank Balances</b>				
Balances at Start of Year	18,968	41,685	60,653	64,892
(Deficit)/Surplus for the Year	(2,569)	(11,308)	(13,877)	(4,239)
Balances at End of Year	<u>16,399</u>	<u>30,377</u>	<u>46,776</u>	<u>60,653</u>

Women for Mission held no other assets and had no liabilities or contingent liabilities at 30 April 2026 or 30 April 2025.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf.



Holly Smith  
Treasurer

Date: 15 May 2026

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## Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 30 April 2026

### 1. Basis of accounting

These accounts have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

### 2. Nature and Purpose of Funds

#### *Unrestricted Funds*

##### General Fund

The General Fund is used for the ongoing administration of Women for Mission.

##### Biennial Conference Fund

The Biennial Conference Fund represents unrestricted funds designated by the Trustees from the net receipts of previous conferences to cover the organisational costs of future conferences.

##### Women's Ministry Fund

Through this fund, we hope to provide small grants for events and initiatives that will strengthen churches, bless communities, and support congregations seeking to share the good news of God's love. These funds will be used as and when applications are received and approved.

#### *Restricted Funds*

##### Project Funds

Each year, Women for Mission raises funds for specific projects selected at the beginning of the year.

The sums raised are held in restricted funds until they are forwarded to the appropriate recipient. The project for 2025/26 is Flourish.

##### Heart for Home

The Heart for Home Fund was established 2010/11 and is restricted for allocation to applications made by the Church in Scotland for outreach projects.

##### Favourite Recipes

The Favourite Recipes Fund is restricted for allocation to areas of Disaster and Relief work.

##### Support a Volunteer

The Support a Volunteer Fund is restricted for allocation to volunteer workers whose applications for funding has been approved by the Trustees.

### 3. Trustee Remuneration and Expenses

The Trustees did not receive any remuneration during the year ended 30 April 2026.

The total amount of travel expenses paid to Trustees during the year ended 30 April 2026 was £58 (2025: £nil).



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### Notes to the Accounts for the Year Ended 30 April 2026

#### 4. Transactions with Trustees

There were no transactions during the year between the Charity and any of the Charity Trustees or persons connected to the Charity Trustees.

5. Receipts from Fundraising Activities	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
Annual Project Donations	-	49,077	49,077	57,390
Cookery Book Sales	-	2,236	2,236	2,294
	-	51,313	51,313	59,684
6. Donations				
Legacy received	1,285	-	1,285	7,710
Area of greatest need donations	973	-	973	974
Annual meeting collection	521	-	521	741
	2,779	-	2,779	9,425
7. Biennial conference receipts				
Conference fees	-	-	-	3,622
Bookstall receipts	-	-	-	605
	-	-	-	4,227
8. Expenses for Fundraising Activities				
Project Leaflets & Promotional Material	-	911	911	552
Cookery Book Costs	-	1,080	1,080	1,150
Postage & Stationery	-	306	306	218
	-	2,297	2,297	1,920

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
<b>9. Donations</b>				
Heart for Home Grants	-	1,850	1,850	4,101
The Tumaini Fund Scotland	-	14,000	14,000	-
Blythswood Care (India)	-	14,000	14,000	-
The Kerusso Trust	-	14,000	14,000	-
Patty & Manuel Reano	-	14,000	14,000	-
Tearfund Middle East Campaign	-	2,000	2,000	-
Tearfund - Sudan	-	1,000	1,000	-
Free Church Youth Conference	1,500	-	1,500	-
Centre for Rural Ministry	250	-	250	-
Tearfund - Rubbish Campaign	-	-	-	1,000
Spain flooding donation	-	-	-	1,000
Bethesda Khanko donation	-	-	-	1,000
Tearfund - DRC donation	-	-	-	1,000
Tearfund - Myanmar earthquake	-	-	-	2,000
Christian Value in Education	-	-	-	18,100
International Mission to the Jewish People	-	-	-	8,100
International Justice Mission	-	-	-	18,100
Release International	-	-	-	13,100
	<u>1,750</u>	<u>60,850</u>	<u>62,600</u>	<u>67,501</u>
<b>10. Biennial Conference Payments</b>				
Venue & Catering	-	-	-	2,720
Leaflets & Promotional Material	-	-	-	512
Speaker Expenses and Fees	-	-	-	329
Bookstall	-	-	-	605
Miscellaneous Expenses	-	-	-	60
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,226</u>

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	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2026	Total 2025
	£	£	£	£
11. <b>Governance Costs</b>				
Annual Business Meeting Expenses	448	-	448	413
Miscellaneous Expenses	275	-	275	15
Website Running and Maintenance Expense	649	-	649	100
	<u>1,372</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,372</u>	<u>528</u>

## 12. Transfers

During the year a transfer of £2,000 was made from unrestricted funds to the Heart for Home fund. A transfer of £226 was made from the unrestricted fund to the Project 2024/25 - Empower fund.