

The Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charity

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Introduction

The 1972 URC Act made provision for continuing Congregational churches to receive a fair share of the accumulated assets of the Congregational Church of England and Wales (CCEW) (formerly the Congregational Union of England and Wales) and of the thirty-two County Union incorporated Bodies. After considerable discussion between representatives of the United Reformed Church and the continuing Congregational churches, general agreement was reached on what was a fair allocation of the assets whereupon the Charity Commission prepared a Scheme for operating and administering the shared assets of CCEW. This Scheme was sealed on the 4 January 1977 and some of the main provisions for Unaffiliated Congregational Churches are listed in the next section. An Unaffiliated Congregational church is the term used by the Charity Commission to define a continuing Congregational church, which has not joined the Congregational Federation or an Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational churches. By 1994 the accumulated assets of the last of the thirty-two former County Unions were apportioned thus bringing to an end a process that lasted for over twenty years. It also included the assets of other funds which were formerly administered by the CCEW and the United Reformed Church. It can be said that the interests of all the continuing Congregational churches have been well provided for as a result of this process: but it is a particular cause for gratitude that those of the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches have been catered for. Alone of the three Congregational groupings they had no formal structure to enable them to be actively involved in the negotiations in their own right. Tribute is paid in particular to two former Trustees who represented the Congregational Federation and EFCC in these negotiations with the URC but who always sought to ensure that Unaffiliated Churches received what was their right. The present strength of these Charities owes almost everything to them.

Congregational Principles

Membership of Congregational churches is open to all who believe in Jesus Christ (Romans 15:7). There are no baptismal requirements. Congregational churches are not democracies. Rather, believers gather together in the church

meeting to discern the mind of their master, Jesus Christ. All members are able to contribute to the making of decisions, on the principle of the priesthood of all believers (1 Peter 2:9). Unanimity is what should be aimed for. (eg Matthew 18:18–20; Acts 6:2–3; 1 Corinthians 6).

Elders and deacons are chosen by the members to teach and serve (1 Timothy 3; Acts 6), but are subject to the final authority, under Christ, of the church meeting.

Most Trust Deeds of Congregational property require the minister to practice infant baptism. This may not always be the case, but if the Trust Deeds require it, then the church must at least allow infant baptism.

Fuller details of Congregational principles can be found in R.W. Dale's *Manual of Congregational Principles*, or in a shorter form in John Angell James *Christian Fellowship or the Church Member's Guide*.

Provisions set out in the Charity Commission scheme

SEALED 4th JANUARY 1977

1. DEFINITION OF UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES

In the Charity Commission Scheme the expression “Unaffiliated Congregational Churches” means:

- a. Congregational Churches which were in membership with the former Congregational Church in England and Wales or were members of the Congregational Union of England and Wales in the year 1966 and which on the 31st December 1975 were not member churches of the Congregational Federation or of an Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches and
- b. Congregational Churches in England and Wales formed after 5th October 1972 which are not members of the Congregational Federation or of an Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches.

2. APPORTIONMENT RATIOS FOR THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH AND THE THREE CONGREGATIONAL GROUPS

The percentages below show the percentage of the capital and unexpended income, which has been allocated to the four bodies:

United Reformed Church Charities	81.814%
Congregational Federation Charities	10.520%
Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches Charities	3.671%
Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities	3.995%

3. COMPOSITION OF TRUSTEES FOR THE UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

They shall consist of nine competent persons, being:

- Six nominative Trustees
- Three Co-opted Trustees

Nominative Trustees shall be appointed as follows:

Three by the Council of the Congregational Federation:

Three by the Committee of the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches:

The Co-opted Trustees shall be persons who are members of Unaffiliated Congregational Churches in England and Wales and shall be appointed for a term of five years by a resolution of the Trustees at a special meeting of which not less than twenty-one days' notice has been given.

4. REGULATIONS RELATING TO TRUSTEESHIP AND MEETINGS OF THE TRUSTEES

Declaration by Trustees: No person shall be entitled to act as a Trustee of the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities whether on a first or on any subsequent entry into office until after signing in the Minute Book of those Trustees a declaration of acceptance and of willingness to act in the trusts of the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities.

Determination of Trusteeship: Any co-optative Trustee who ceases to be qualified as aforesaid and any Trustee who is absent from all meetings of the Trustees during a period of one year or who is adjudged bankrupt or makes a composition or arrangement with his creditors or who is incapacitated from acting or who communicates in writing to the Trustees a wish to resign shall cease thereupon to be a Trustee of the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities.

Vacancies: Upon the occurrence of a vacancy the Trustees shall cause a note thereof to be entered in their Minute Book at the next meeting and in the case of a vacancy in the office of Nominative Trustee shall cause notice thereof to be given as soon as possible to the proper appointing body. Any competent Trustee may be re-appointed.

Chairman: The Trustees at their first ordinary meeting in each year shall elect one of their number to be chairman of their meetings until the commencement of the first ordinary meeting in the following year. The chairman shall always be eligible for re-election. If at any meeting the chairman is not present within ten minutes after the time appointed for holding the

same or there is no chairman the Trustees present shall choose one of their number to be chairman of the meeting.

Special Meetings: A special meeting may be summoned at any time by the chairman or any two Trustees upon not less than four days' notice being given to the other Trustees of the matters to be discussed but if the matters include an appointment of a co-opted Trustee then upon not less than twenty one days' notice being so given. A special meeting may be summoned to take place immediately after an ordinary meeting.

Quorum: There shall be a quorum when three Trustees are present at a meeting.

Voting: Every matter shall be determined by the majority of votes of the Trustees present and voting on the question. In case equality of votes the chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote whether he has or has not voted previously on the same question but no Trustee in any other circumstance shall give more than one vote.

Minutes and Accounts: A Minute Book and Books of Account shall be provided and kept by the Trustees. Statements of account in relation to the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities shall be prepared and transmitted to the Commissioners in accordance with the provisions of the Charities Act 1960, except if and in so far as those Charities are excepted by order or regulation.

General power to make regulations: Within the limits prescribed by this Scheme the Trustees shall have full power from time to time to make regulations for the management of the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities and for the conduct of their business including the summoning of meetings, the appointment of a clerk, the deposit of money at a proper bank and custody of documents.

5. GENERAL PROVISION

Questions under Scheme: Any question as to the construction of this Scheme or as to the regularity or the validity of any acts done or about to be done under this Scheme shall be determined by the Commissioners upon such application made to them for the purpose as they think sufficient.

THE SEVEN TRUST FUNDS

In every case the Scheme states that the Trustees are empowered to defray out of the income of the Fund all proper costs, charges and expenses of and incidental to its administration and management.

1. THE GENERAL PURPOSES FUND

Application of Income. Subject to the payment of the expenses referred to above Trustees of the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches' General Purpose Fund shall apply the income and at their discretion the whole or part of the property thereof which is expendable as income in the first place so far as requisite in furthering the religious and other charitable work of Unaffiliated Churches and subject thereto for the advancement of religion in England and Wales in accordance with the doctrines and practices of the Congregational denomination.

2. MAINTENANCE OF THE MINISTRY FUND

Application of Income. Subject to the payment of the expenses referred to above Trustees of the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches' Maintenance of the Ministry Fund shall apply the income and at their discretion the whole or part of the property thereof which is expendable as income in making grants to Unaffiliated Churches, or towards paying the stipends of ministers of Unaffiliated Churches or maintaining the ministry therein and subject thereto in or towards maintaining the ministry in Congregational churches in England and Wales.

3. MINISTERIAL TRAINING FUND

Application of Income. Subject to payment of the expenses referred to above, the Trustees of the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches' Ministerial Training Fund shall apply the income and at their discretion the whole or part of the property thereof which is expendable as income for training men and women for the ministry of the Congregational denomination, which may include the payment of grants to persons in need of financial assistance during such training. Preference shall be given to persons who are members of Unaffiliated churches.

4. CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Application of Income. Subject to payment of the expenses referred to above the Trustees of the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches' Church Extension Fund shall apply the income and at their own discretion, the whole or part of the property thereof which is expendable as income, in one or more of the following ways:

1. In the upkeep and repair of the building of unaffiliated churches and the maintenance of the services therein.
2. In the improvement or extension of the buildings of unaffiliated churches.
3. In provision or erection of buildings in England and Wales for use for the purposes of Congregational Churches or as residences for ministers of those churches provided that part of the said income which represents the income of the Arthur Clegg Bowdler Charity shall be applied elsewhere than in Wales or in the County of Lancashire, both as constituted in the year 1923.

5. HOMES FOR RETIRED MINISTERS

Application of Income. Subject to payment of the expenses referred to above the Trustees of the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches' Homes for Retired Ministers' Fund shall apply the income and at their discretion the whole or part of the property which is expendable as income in or towards the provision and maintenance of land and buildings for use as residence for retired ministers who have at any time been ministers of any of the Unaffiliated Churches and the wives and widows of such ministers or in assisting such ministers and the wives and widows of such ministers to obtain residential accommodation by the granting to them of loans with or without interest or by the payment of interest charges on loans secured on or of rent or other hire charges payable by them in respect of such residential accommodation. If and in so far as any land and buildings provided as aforesaid and the income of the last mentioned charity are not required in any year for use or application in manner aforesaid they may be used or applied in like manner for the benefit of any retired ministers of the Congregational denomination in England and Wales and the wives and widows of such ministers.

6. WELFARE FUND

Application of Income. Subject to payment of the expenses referred to above, the Trustees of the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches' Welfare Fund shall apply the income and at their discretion the whole or part of the property thereof which is expendable as income in relieving in cases of need persons who have at any time been ministers of any of the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches and the wives, widows, and other dependants of such persons. If and in so far as the income of the last-mentioned charity is not required for application in manner aforesaid the same may be applied in relieving in cases of need persons who have at any time been ministers of any Congregational church in England and Wales, and the wives, widows and other dependants of such persons.

7. EDUCATION FUND

Application of Income. Subject to payment of the expenses referred to above, the Trustees of the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches' Education Fund shall apply the yearly income and at their discretion the whole or part of the property thereof which is expendable as income for the benefit of the children of ministers of any of the Unaffiliated Churches in one or more of the following ways:

1. In providing scholarships, bursaries, and maintenance allowances to enable or assist such children to attend any school, college or university in the United Kingdom approved for the purpose by the Trustees.
2. In making grants of money in or towards the provision of Outfits, clothing, tools, instruments or books to assist such Children to pursue their education. If and so far as income of The Unaffiliated Congregational Churches' Educational Fund is not required in any year for application in manner aforesaid, the Trustees may apply the same in like manner for the benefit Of the children of persons who are or have at any time been ministers of any Congregational churches in England and Wales.

APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES:

CO-OPTATIVE TRUSTEES (who must be members of and be nominated by Unaffiliated Congregational Churches.)

NOMINATIVE TRUSTEES:

a. Appointed by the Congregational Federation

b. Appointed by the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches

OFFICERS

Chairman of Trustees

Revd E.S. Guest	1977–1991
Revd A. Tovey M.A. B.D.	1992–2002
Revd G. Evans	2003–2009
Mr G. Holmes	2009–2018
Mr R.J. Alp	2018–2020
Mrs L. Perry	2020–

Honorary Secretary

Mr J.B. Wilcox	1977–1989
Mr B.D Rowlands B.Sc.	1989–2015
Dr D.L. James	2016–

Administrative Clerk (now Executive Officer)

Revd J. Franks B.A.	1979–2000
Revd F. Wroe	2001–

Former Peripatetic Ministers

Revd J. Franks B.A.	1979–1992
Revd R.W. Michel Dip. Theol.	1992–1997

Former Church Support Workers

Revd N. Bonnett (Southern England)	1998–2008
Revd M. Coles (North of England & The Midlands)	1998–2008
Mr G. Stephens (Wales)	1998–2006

Information for Church Secretaries

Application for grants: All listed churches are eligible to apply for grants from one or more of the Trust Funds listed above. The Trustees meet three times per year, usually in March, June and November to consider all grant applications. In the case of an emergency it may be possible for an interim decision to be made, until the next trustee meeting. All grant applications should be addressed to the Executive Officer, e-mail: unconchurchar@gmail.com

INSURANCE OF CHURCH PREMISES

Many churches are insured through *The Congregational & General Insurance Co.* who often draw attention to the danger of churches who may be under-insured and being under-insured could result in an insurance claim not being fully met. It is therefore vital that churches should regularly review their insurance valuations to make sure that they are adequately covered, at present-day values, against all likely eventualities.

If any listed Unaffiliated Church has difficulty meeting the premiums for an adequate level of insurance cover on its own policies they should contact the Executive Officer to discuss the grant options that could be available through the charities.

TRUSTEESHIP OF CHURCHES

From time to time churches experience difficulty when they have individual trustees, especially when a trustee dies or moves away and as a result the number of trustees falls below that laid down by the Trust Deed.

Prior to 1972 it was usual for trustees of Congregational Churches to be appointed in one of three ways:

1. **Private Trustees.** Many churches still have such arrangements and occasionally find themselves in the position referred to in the paragraph above. New appointments have to be made to keep the Trustee Body up to strength and very often it is difficult to find the right number of people sufficiently committed to the work of the church and of the right calibre to serve in this way. It is for this reason that many churches decided to have

other arrangements by appointing an incorporated body, as in the next two paragraphs, to serve them as Trustee because once the appointment is made there is generally no need for further change.

2. **County Unions.** Many of these were incorporated bodies and were appointed Trustees instead of private Trustees.
3. **Congregational Union of England and Wales (Inc.).** When the local County Union was not an incorporated body, the national body was often appointed as Trustee.

There are at least four bodies that are empowered to act as trustees for Independent Congregational Churches that may wish to consider appointing them, these are:

Congregational Federation Ltd, 6 Castle Gate, NOTTINGHAM NG1 7AS. Tel: 0115 911 1450

Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches, PO Box 34, BEVERLEY, HU17 8YX. Tel: 01482 860324

Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches Incorporated, 39 The Point, MARKET HARBOROUGH, LE16 7QU. Tel: 020 8681 7422

Primarily, but not exclusively, for Welsh Congregational churches:

The Congregational Partnership Ltd, 12 Lime Trees Avenue, Llangattock, CRICKHOWELL, NP8 1LP.

WHAT ARE THE ADVANTAGES OF HAVING AN INDEPENDENT COMPANY AS TRUSTEE?

1. As an incorporated body, once the Company is appointed as Trustee, there is never any need to appoint new Trustees. It is important, however, to note that if at any time a Church *were to be dissatisfied with the Company, it would always have the right to appoint new Trustees.*
2. First-class professional advice is available on investments and the Company accountant will assist in the recovery from the Inland Revenue of tax on investments. Some churches have invested in undated stocks or shares yielding poor dividends. The Company's adviser has been able to suggest changes, which will increase income and provide larger sums on redemption.
3. Some of the advice and services provided by the above may incur a small

cost however all this can be information will be supplied on application. There will be some costs involved when the transfer of trusteeship is made, *if any Church is unable to afford these transfer costs the UCCC Trustees are able to award a grant to cover all the shortfalls.*

4. In the unfortunate event of a church having to close, the appointed Trustee Company will be able to deal with the matter on behalf of the remaining church members and deacons which will relieve them of a heavy burden.
5. One important point raised by many churches who have made the move to appoint a company as trustee is whether there will be any interference in the day-to-day management of their affairs if they change trusteeship. The answer is definitely no! The appointed Company can only act within the terms of the Original Trust Deeds, and has no greater powers than the former Trustees it replaces. It can, of course, *give advice* but as is the case with all Congregational Churches, the final decision is with the Church Meeting.

The Executive Officer, will be pleased to supply any information regarding the transfer procedure.

Note for Church Treasurers

The Executive Officer, may be able to advise on national insurance, tax and recommended stipend matters for Ministers.

Church Archives

The archives of the UCCC are held at the Congregational Library.

All churches should take care of their own records. This includes minutes of church meetings, bank statements and important correspondence. Older records should be offered to the local county records office or library for long-term preservation of the church's history. They should NOT be destroyed. Neither UCCC nor the Congregational Library can store local church records, but advice may be given.

A brief history of the UCCC

In 1831, the Congregational Churches in England and Wales came together to form the Congregational Union of England and Wales. This new venture was intended to bring the churches together for greater fellowship, for mutual support and to assist them in their mission to bring people to faith. The Union had no control over the churches as by their very nature, each Congregational church is independent, looking only to Christ for leadership and guidance through the local church meeting. This venture met with great success and with the other Congregational Unions, in Ireland, Scotland and the Welsh speaking union, there were about one million people present at Sunday worship a century ago in a Congregational church in the United Kingdom.

As the twentieth century progressed, the Congregational Union of England and Wales began to experience a great decline in its membership. Some believed that church unity was the way to bring new life to the church in Britain and many gave themselves to the work of bringing the different denominations together into a united church. The Congregational Union played a central role in this ecumenical movement. Some in the Congregational Union felt that a union of independent churches was an inadequate body to realise church union, and that the Union should be replaced by a national Congregational church, which itself would reflect the oneness of the Congregational churches.

Those working for church union within Congregationalism, believed that a national Congregational church would be better placed to further their ecumenical aim. So in 1966, the churches of the Congregational Union were asked to covenant together to form the Congregational Church in England and Wales. Many churches felt unable to sign such a covenant, as a national Congregational church challenged their Congregational understanding of the local church. Some twenty four churches felt so strongly about this that they left the new national church and formed An Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches in 1967. Other churches were noted as non-covenanting churches in the annual Year Book.

The movement for church union continued and in 1972, the assemblies of the

Congregational Church in England and Wales and the Presbyterian Church of England voted to unite and this led to the creation of the United Reformed Church.

Each Congregational church had been invited to decide if they wanted to be a part of this united church. Over six hundred churches initially declined to become a part of the United Reformed Church. Over the next few years, about a hundred of these non uniting churches decided to join the United Reformed Church while about twenty churches that had initially joined the United Reformed Church were allowed to secede and become Congregational churches once more. This left some 550 churches that were formally in membership with the Congregational Union of England and Wales that had chosen to maintain their Congregational churchmanship.

This creation of the United Reformed Church had divided the Congregational denomination. Some who had fought for the Congregational way wanted to reconstitute the Congregational Union, and they eventually formed the Congregational Federation, and invited continuing Congregational churches to become a part of this new association. Other churches decided to become part of the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches, formed in 1967.

Some 140 Congregational churches initially chose not to affiliate to any association of continuing Congregational churches, and these became known as unaffiliated Congregational churches. It seemed only right that the funds of the old Congregational Union and the local Congregational Unions should be divided so that churches could still benefit from these funds irrespective of whether they had joined the United Reformed Church or remained Congregational. Funds were to be divided between the United Reformed Church, the Congregational Federation and the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches. John Wilcox, the General Secretary of the Congregational Federation felt that Congregational churches who had not affiliated to any association should also benefit from the division of Congregational Union Funds. Eventually, various schemes of apportionment were drawn up to share out the assets of the old Congregational Union and now these funds would be available to support all churches, irrespective of their affiliation or otherwise. Apportionment was eventually worked out as follows:

URC	81.81%	CF	10.52%
EFCC	3.67%	UCCC	3.99%

The Charity Commission defined an unaffiliated Congregational Church as a Congregational church which was in membership of the Congregational Union of England and Wales in 1966 and which by 31 December 1975 were not in membership of the Congregational Federation or EFCC. New Congregational churches formed after 5 October 1972 and not affiliated to the EFCC or the CF were also eligible to be classed as unaffiliated churches.

A new charity was created to administer these apportioned funds on behalf of the unaffiliated churches. The Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities were to be administered by nine trustees, three to be nominated by the Congregational Federation and three by the EFCC, whilst an additional three other trustees would be co-opted from the unaffiliated churches. The first Trustees meeting of the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities took place in Nottingham on 19 February 1977.

As assets of the old Congregational Union were apportioned the resources available to the UCCC grew. Today the Trustees of the UCCC hold in excess of £2,000,000 (2016 accounts) to assist the unaffiliated Congregational churches in their work and ministry. It eventually became apparent that a part time Clerk was necessary to assist the Trustees in the administration of the Charity. The Rev. John Franks was appointed to this position in March 1979 and in 1984, he was also appointed as Peripatetic Minister. This latter role involved visiting the churches to give encouragement, practical support, and some pastoral care. John Frank's visits to the churches were useful in that he was able to give first hand knowledge of the churches to the Trustees when they were considering applications for financial help from the churches.

The role of a Peripatetic Minister and later, church support workers, has exercised the Trustees over the years. The Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities are not an association of churches but they merely hold Trust Funds for the benefit of the churches. If churches desire support and fellowship that an Association of churches can give, the Congregational Federation and EFCC are both able to provide this and unaffiliated churches are free to join either or both of these associations. The Trustees have decided than rather employing church support workers, charitable funds are best given direct to the churches for them to use in the furthering of Christ's kingdom through their own mission and ministry.

Churches are encouraged to seek financial help from the Trustees to support their work and ministry. The Trustees hold a substantial training fund, and any member of an unaffiliated church who is considering training for ministry is encouraged to seek help from the Trust. The Trustees are also able to help retired minister and their widows.

Over the forty years since the UCCC was established, the number of unaffiliated Congregational churches has diminished. Many churches have decided to affiliate to the Congregational Federation or the EFCC. Other churches have affiliated to other denominational groupings. A number of churches have ceased to adhere to Congregational principles and practice and have therefore can no longer be described as Congregational churches, and of course, a number of churches have closed. Today there are fifty unaffiliated Congregational churches

During the forty years of the UCCC a large archive of papers and correspondence has been amassed. Over the last three years this archive has been professionally sorted and deposited at the Congregational Library in London. The Trustees felt that the work carried out by the UCCC and the churches it supports should be preserved, alongside the wider story of our Congregational denomination.

We rejoice in the work of the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches over the last forty years. The church continually changes and adapts as it seeks to fulfill Christ's great commission. So we continue to look to Christ as we go into the future and we trust that he still has much he desires to achieve through the unaffiliated churches. The Trustees of the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities seek to give practical help to enable the unaffiliated churches to respond to Christ's call to go and make disciples of all people.

The longest serving Trustee, Dewi Rowlands of Ruabon Congregational Church, died in 2015. The Trustees agreed to establish the Dewi Rowlands Memorial Bursary for someone researching an aspect of Congregationalism. It was awarded for the first time in 2017 to Peter Humphreys for research on a detailed history of the growth/decline of Congregationalism/Independency in Liverpool.

A full history of the UCCC, *Stewards of God's Bounty*, can be had from the Clerk.

List of Unaffiliated Congregational Churches

WITH ADDRESSES OF SECRETARIES AND MINISTERS
CHURCHES MARKED † ARE COUNTESS OF HUNTINGDON
CONNEXION CHURCHES (WWW.COFHCONNEXION.ORG.UK)
MOST CHURCH BUILDINGS DO NOT HAVE POST CODES. THOSE LISTED ARE FOR
THE PURPOSE OF GIVING APPROXIMATE LOCATIONS FOR USE WITH SATNAVS.

GORING-ON-THAMES† High Street, Goring, Reading, RG8 9AT
Web-site: www.goringfreechurch.org.uk

MORTIMER WEST END† Mortimer West End Chapel, Chapel Lane,
Padworth Common, Reading, RG7 4QE
Web-site: www.thechapel.org.uk

NORTH BUCKINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY UNION

WHADDON Whaddon Chapel (The Selbie Memorial Congregational Church),
Stock Lane, Whaddon, Milton Keynes, MK17 0LS

CHESHIRE COUNTY UNION

BRADLEY Bradley Lane/Chapel Lane, Bradley, Whitchurch, SY13 4QY

DERBYSHIRE CONGREGATIONAL UNION

CHESTERFIELD GOSPEL MISSION Near Serpent Motors, Old Road,
Brampton, Chesterfield, S40 2QZ

LITTLE LONGSTONE Butts Road, Little Longstone, Bakewell, DE45 1NN
Web-site: littlelongstonechapel.co.uk

DEVON & CORNWALL CONGREGATIONAL UNION

WEMBORTHY Wemborthy Chapel, Chulmleigh EX18 7RU

ESSEX COUNTY UNION

COOKSMILL GREEN Cooksmill Green, Writtle, Chelmsford, CM1 3SH
Web-site: cooksmillgreenchurch.org

GLOUCESTERSHIRE & HEREFORDSHIRE COUNTY UNION

CHARFIELD 72 Wotton Road, Charfield, Wotton-under-Edge, GL12 8SR

EBLEY† Ebley Chapel, Chapel Lane, Ebley, Stroud, GL5 4TD
Web-site: www.ebleychapel.co.uk

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY UNION

WORMLEY† High Road, Broxbourne EN10 6AA
Web-site: wormleyfreechurch.org.uk

KENT COUNTY UNION

BELLS YEW GREEN† Bayham Road, Frant, Bells Yew Green,
Tunbridge Wells TN3 9BJ

CANTERBURY, BROAD OAK CHAPEL† Chapel Lane, Broad Oak,
Canterbury, CT2 0QG

LANCASHIRE COUNTY UNION

BURY, FOUR LANE ENDS 47 Harwood Road, Tottington, Bury BL8 3PR

CADISHEAD Cadishead Congregational Church, Liverpool Road,
Cadishead, M44 5AD

CHIPPING Club Lane, Garstang Road, Chipping, Preston, PR3 2QH
Web-site: chippingcongregationalchurch.org.uk

PICKUP BANK Long Hey Lane, Pickup Bank, Darwen, BB3 3QD

LONDON COUNTY UNION

HARRINGAY UNITED

Allison Road/Green Lanes, London, N8 0RG

Web-site: www.hucb.org.uk

SUSSEX COUNTY UNION

SHOREHAM†

Buckingham Road/Gordon Road, Shoreham-by-Sea, BN43 6WF

Web-site: shorehamfreechurch.co.uk

TURNERS HILL FREE CHURCH†

North Street, Turners Hill, Crawley,

RH10 4NS

Web-site: turnershillfreechurch.org.uk

WIVELSFIELD, OTE HALL†

Ditchling Road/Green Road, Wivelsfield

Green, Haywards Heath, RH17 7QB

YORKSHIRE CONGREGATIONAL UNION

BRADFORD, ALLERTON

Garforth Street, Allerton, Bradford, BD15 7BL

Web-site: www.allertoncongregationalchurch.org.uk

TOSSIDE

Mount Sion Chapel, Tosside, Skipton, BD23 4DF

UNION CROFT

Halifax Road, Ambler Thorn, Queensbury,

Bradford, BD13 2DP

Web-site: unioncroftchapel.co.uk

WORRALL

10 Towngate Rd, Worrall, Sheffield S35 0AR

NORTHWALES COUNTY UNION

PONTYBODKIN, CEDRON

Corwen Road, Pontybodkin, Mold, CH7 4TH

RUABON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Pont Adam, Ruabon,

Wrexham, LL14 6DT

SOUTH WALES & MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY UNION

BARGOED, CALFARIA/TRINITY Greenfield Street, Bargoed, CF81 8RU

BRYNMAWR, BETHESDA Alma Street, Brynmawr, Ebbw Vale, NP23 4DY

CRICKADARN, HEBRON INDEPENDENT CHAPEL Crickadarn,
Builth Wells, LD2 3PJ

CROSS KEYS, TRINITY CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Trinity Hill (Gelli-Unig Place), Ponywaun,
Cross Keys, Newport, NP11 7GG

GARNDIFFAITH, SARDIS INDEPENDENT CHAPEL Varteg Road,
Varteg, Pontypool, NP4 7SB

GORSEINON, BETHEL EVANGELICAL CHURCH West Street,
Gorseinon, Swansea, SA4 4AA

Web-site: www.bethel-gorseinon.org.uk

GRIFFITHSTOWN, CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH Kemys Street,
Griffithstown, Pontypool, NP4 5DJ

Web-site: griffithstownchurch.wixsite.com/griff-church-website

GROVESEND, MOUNT PLEASANT High Street, Grovesend, Swansea,
SA4 4GU

LAUGHARNE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH King Street, Laugharne,
SA33 4RY

LLANGATTOCK, BETHESDA Hillside Road, Llangattock,
Crickhowell, NP8 1LJ

Web-site: www.bethesda.btck.co.uk

NELSON, PENUEL CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL High Street,
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Lancaster Road, Pontypool, NP4 0NX

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SAUNDERSFOOT, SARDIS

Pleasant Valley, Sardis, Saundersfoot,
SA69 9AN

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Ar Aber, Aber Clydach, Talybont-on-Usk,
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TALYBONT-ON-USK, BENIAH

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Charity registration number: 273854

**UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCHES CHARITIES**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

31 DECEMBER 2018

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

Registered charity name	Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities
Charity number	273854
Principal office	678 Ripponden Road Moorside Oldham OL4 2LP
Trustees	Mr R J Alp Mrs L Perry Pastor M J Valentine Mr P Butler Revd C Damp Mr D M Tucker Revd G M Evans Revd W Harrow Dr D L James
Executive Officer	Revd F Wroe
Bankers	National Westminster Bank plc 16 South Parade Nottingham NG1 2JX
Solicitors	Anthony Collins Solicitors 134 Edmond Street Birmingham B3 3ES
Auditors	Horsfield & Smith Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor Tower House 269 Walmersley Road Bury Lancashire BL9 6NX

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TRUSTEES' REPORT YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

The Trustees present their report and the financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31st December 2018.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Reference and administrative details are shown in the schedule of members of the Board and professional advisers on page 1 of the financial statements.

THE TRUSTEES

The Trustees who served the Company during the period were as follows:

Elected by the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches (UCC)

Mr G Holmes (Honorary Chairman of Trustees) Died 21 March 2018

Mr R J Alp (Honorary Chairman of Trustees) Appointed 20 June 2018

Pastor M J Valentine

Mrs L Perry (Appointed 1 November 2018)

Nominative Trustee from the Congregational Federation (CF)

Mr P Butler

Revd C Damp

Mr M Tucker

Nominative Trustee from the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches (EFCC)

Mr R Taylor (Retired 21 June 2018)

Revd W Harrow (Appointed 21 June 2018)

Revd G M Evans (Appointed 1 November 2018)

Dr D L James (Honorary Secretary)

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Trustees met on three occasions during 2018, March, June and November in order to consider grant applications from listed churches and individuals, details of the awards made and the activity of the Charities are outlined in this report. In addition, the Trustees dealt with the overall running of the Charities as detailed in this report.

On the 21st March a week after the March Trustee Meeting the Trustees were shocked and deeply saddened to learn of the sudden death of the Chairman, Mr Graham Holmes. Graham was first elected in 2005 as a Co-optative Trustee by the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches. He became Chairman of Trustees at the March 2009 Trustee Meeting when the then Chairman, Reverend Gwynne Evans stood down from the position and from the Trustee Board. As well as a sound understanding and experience of Congregationalism, Graham brought a great deal of practical accountancy and auditing experience in his time as both a Trustee and later Chairman, which was of great benefit to both the Trustee Board as well as to individual listed churches asking for guidance with financial matters. As Chairman, Graham attempted to bring a more structured, long term approach to grant support for churches attempting to either establish or to maintain ministry. He also had experience as the long serving Church Treasurer of New Inn Congregational Church, South Wales, which was of great value because he had a clear understanding and experience of the day to day financial pressures for a church supporting full-time

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ministry, meeting the everyday needs of maintaining the buildings as well as looking forward to the future financial needs of the fellowship. Graham was able to bring all this to discussions and decisions when the Trustees considered grant applications as well as with both general and specific discussions about the future direction of the UCCC in maintaining both its financial and physical structures. His experience, care and concern and vision for the UCCC will be greatly missed.

With all the Trustee changes occurring during 2018, a total of 11 Trustees have served on the board during the year, their attendance at meetings is as follows:

Seven Trustees attended all three meetings

Two Trustees attended two meetings

Two Trustees attended one meeting

The Executive Officer attended all three meetings.

At the June Trustee Meeting, Mr Roy Alp was unanimously elected as UCCC Chairman.

During 2018 the Trustees welcomed three new Trustees to the UCCC Board:

In June, Reverend William Harrow a Nominative Trustee from the EFCC.

In November, Mrs Linda Perry, Treasurer of Griffithstown Congregational Church, as one of the three Co-optative Trustees of the UCCC churches. Linda is taking the place of Graham Holmes.

In November, Reverend Gwynne Evans a Nominative Trustee from the EFCC. This is Gwynne's second term as an EFCC Nominative Trustee.

Following a review of investments at the end of 2017, the Trustees agreed to appoint Castlefield Investment Partnership, an external fund manager, to look after the UCCC investment portfolio. In June 2018, after two presentations at the March and June Trustee Meetings by two of the Castlefield staff, the Trustees made the decision to halt the process with Castlefield. A further decision was made to ask CCLA, an existing fund manager, to look again at the UCCC investments. After two further meetings with CCLA fund managers in September and December, the Trustees decided to continue with CCLA and to move some of the existing UCCC investments into the CCLA Ethical Fund for a projected greater return. This transaction was completed early January 2019.

During the year the Trustees were conscious of an accumulation of funds in the Ministerial Training Fund and discussed the possibilities of the Charity Commission agreeing to amalgamate two of the seven trust funds; Ministerial Training and Maintenance of the Ministry into one Ministry Fund in order to be able to use these Funds for greater benefit of ministry in the future. On the 31st December the Charity Commission had not made a decision on the request from the Trustees to merge these two funds.

In November, the Trustees agreed to advertise the availability of the Dewi Rowlands Bursary from January 2019.

The Trustees are conscious of the requirements of Enhanced Due Diligence Requirements in respect of the August 2018 Money Laundering, Safeguarding and Equal Opportunities Regulations. In December a letter was sent to all UCCC contacts outlining the position taken by the UCCC Trustees.

The task of the Trustees is to consider grant applications from both listed UCCC churches and individuals connected to those churches. Each applicant is asked to supply standard background information including confirmation that the church applying is maintaining Congregational Principals and Practices and is aware of the implications of the church personnel not holding the appropriate DBS certificates. As well as being able to assist church fellowships in maintaining their buildings, the

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Trustees once again spent time at each Trustee Meeting discussing how the Charities might be able to continue to assist with funding for maintaining or helping to establish ministry at the listed churches. It is hoped that a favourable decision from the Charity Commission to amalgamate the two funds as outlined above will greatly assist them in this area. The Trustees also have a continuing concern for the small number of retired ministers and retired minister's widows they support from the former Sydney Berry Trust and Welfare Fund.

During the year a small number of churches have been removed from the UCCC list as they have either moved away from the Congregational Order in their church governance or have affiliated to other bodies or church groupings.

Structure, governance and management

Nature of governing document

The Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities came into being to enable churches that remained independent and did not join either the Congregational Federation or the Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches to receive a fair allocation of the assets of the former Congregational Church in England and Wales, 32 County Union Incorporated Bodies and other apportionable funds. The restrictions to the various funds are laid down in the governing instruments.

The original Charities were founded by the creation of trust funds under a Charity Commission scheme dated 4th January 1977 and in the Charity Commission scheme the expression 'Unaffiliated Congregational Churches' means:

- a) Congregational Churches which were in membership with the former Congregational Church in England and Wales or were members of the Congregational Union of England and Wales in the year 1966 and which on the 31st December 1975 were not member churches of the Congregational Federation or of an Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches and
- b) Congregational Churches in England and Wales formed after 5th October 1972 which are not members of the Congregational Federation or of an Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches.

Further charities were created by a succession of Charity Commission schemes from 1980 onwards. In August 2008 the Charity Commission approved a new scheme, which amalgamated all the County Union funds into the seven main funds of the Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

The Charities have nine Trustees three of which are co-opted by ballot for a period of five years by all the listed Unaffiliated Churches. When a vacancy arises all such churches are contacted and given a specified date by which to submit names of suitable candidates to the Revd Frank Wroe, the Executive Officer. A profile of each candidate is then obtained and circulated to each listed Unaffiliated Church to enable each church to elect a new Trustee by way of ballot.

The remaining six Trustees are called Nominative Trustees; three by the Committee of The Evangelical Fellowship of Congregational Churches (EFCC) and three by the Council of the Congregational Federation (CF). These Trustees are nominated for a period of four years on the basis of providing a

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wide range of skills and experience that will add to and enhance the Charities' existing skill base.

At the end of their term the three co-opted Trustees representing the Unaffiliated Churches are required to confirm whether they wish to continue to act or not. If they express a wish to continue this is ratified by the other serving Trustees at the next scheduled Trustees' Meeting. If they do not wish to continue the process of recruiting a new Trustee begins again.

Induction and training of new Trustees

Most Trustees will already be familiar with the practical work of the Charities and they are encouraged to read a copy of the Charities' current Yearbook as well as being provided with copies of minutes of Trustee Meetings for the past year.

All new Trustees are encouraged to read publication "CC3—The Essential Trustee: What you need to know" obtained from the Charity Commission website. This document provides guidance to all Trustees, and those who are about to become Trustees, on what is involved in being a charity trustee.

Prospective new Trustees are also encouraged to attend Trustee Meetings as an observer prior to them being recognised as a Trustee. This is designed to give a practical insight into the issues that arise during such meetings and to introduce them to other trustees.

Organisational structure

Staff

The Charities have no full time staff but do employ a part-time Executive Officer. Revd Frank Wroe continued in the position of Executive Officer of the Charities during the year and works an average of three days per week for the Charities.

Trustees

Mr G Holmes was elected by the Trustee Board to serve as Chairman. Mr Holmes died 21 March 2018 and in June 2018 Mr R J Alp was elected by the Trustee Board to serve as Chairman. Dr D. L. James was elected by the Trustee Board to serve as Secretary for 2018.

Major risks and management of those risks

Investments

The Charities have no property other than its Stock Market investments. These investments are held in four charity investment funds, each with a widespread portfolio of holdings. The funds comprise a roughly equal split between fixed interest and equity funds, from 2019 a proportion of the fixed interest funds with one major investment manager have been switched into an ethical fund, with the same fund manager, with a view to obtaining a greater rate of return. The continued aim of the Trustees is for a regular income to the Charities of around 5% per annum paid on a quarterly basis. The Trustees continue undertake periodic reviews each year but rely on the integrity and professionalism of the individual charity fund managers to provide the income, and maintain the capital for the ongoing operation of the Charities for the benefit of its beneficiaries.

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Of recent years, there have been dramatic gains and losses on the Stock Market, which have resulted in fluctuating rises and falls in the capital value of our investments. The Trustees consider that such fluctuations are only material if investments are sold and do not affect their consideration of the administration and fulfilment of the activities and objectives of the charity.

Policy on control of fraud

The Trustees have an agreed policy of continuing to use professional charity experienced accountants to audit the Charities accounts in order to ensure that they remain in line with the Charity Commission accounting and reporting standards.

The policy will ensure that any loan repayments to the Charities are paid in full and within the agreed time scales.

Financial Review

Incoming resources amounted to £157,475, additional details are given below. This is an increase of £60,902 on the previous year, £59,305 of this relates to income from the sale of Rishworth Chapel, the remainder relates to small increases in investment income and the rental income received from Aberdeen Walk and a final distribution from the Harrison Longhurst Trust.

Resources expended amounted to £91,405, a decrease of £30,202 on the prior year, mainly due to a reduction in the grants paid during the year.

There was a net surplus of £66,070 (2017: deficit £25,034) for the year prior to investment devaluation. The market value of the investments had reduced by £175,585 (2017: revaluation £102,502) at 31st December 2018 resulting in an overall deficit for the year of £109,515 (2017: surplus £77,468).

Total funds carried forward were £2,415,093 (2017: £2,524,608), split £683,735 unrestricted (2017: £674,623), £652,651 restricted (2017: £686,177) and £1,078,707 endowment (2017: £1,163,808).

Income details

The Charity does not engage in any fundraising or trading activities and does not ask for or receive any contributions from individual churches or any of their members.

Total income for the year	£157,475
From the following sources:	
Investment income for 2018	£ 96,197
Melbourne Trust	£78
Harrison Longhurst Trust	£16
Aberdeen Walk	£1,775
Sale of Rishworth Chapel	£59,305
Bank Interest	£104

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Policy on reserves

The funds administered by the Charity are detailed in the notes to the financial statements. Each fund is divided into permanent endowments arising from the original appointment and more recent capital receipts, and accumulation of income. Income is distributed from both permanent endowments and the accumulation of income.

The Charity's policy on reserves is that they should be kept at a minimum. It is not always possible to distribute income for two main reasons; either churches don't apply for grants or loans or because there are just not the number of churches within the scope of the fund to use all the income.

Investment policy and objectives

The principal investment policy of the Charity is to obtain sufficient income to maintain its annual commitments from the investments it holds now and all future investments it will make, whilst at the same time making every effort not to place the capital at risk. The Trustees feel that the investment objectives are being achieved by investing in charity-managed funds and deposits.

Objectives and activities

Objects and aims

To support through grants and low cost interest loans, personal contact and encouragement, where possible, the listed Unaffiliated Congregational Churches, their members, serving ministers and where appropriate retired ministers or their widows or widowers.

Public benefit

The Charities have seven specific funds that allow the Trustees to distribute its income in the form of grants and/or loans, where necessary, to assist and maintain ministry in individual churches and to assist with the relief of hardship for retired ministers or their widows and widowers. Other areas of assistance include grants for the education of ministers, their children and students training for the ministry.

Grants and loans are also available to churches for repairs and the ongoing maintenance of buildings or expansion of church buildings and assistance to comply with legal building requirements in order to meet current building legislation. Where appropriate, grants for regeneration are also considered to assist churches on the point of closure to remain open.

Churches are invited to apply to the Trustees for support by completing an application form, which gives the Trustees specific details of the assistance required by the church. This application will usually be accompanied by two years audited accounts of the church and in case of building work two or three estimates from different builders to support the application. In the case of a grant for maintenance of the ministry or additional ministerial training the minister must possess a clear and current Criminal Record Disclosure Certificate.

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the requirements of section 4 of the Charities' Act 2011 to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission of England and Wales

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Grant making policies

The Charities' main objective is to assist churches and individuals with grants as made from appropriate funds.

During 2018 the UCCC have been able to directly assist four churches and 41 individuals as well as the Congregational History Society, the John Bunyan Museum and indirectly UCCC churches with grants to assist with the administration costs associated with custodian trusteeship.

The following grants were made from the Charities' Funds:

Fund	Amount £
General Purposes Fund	16,550
Maintenance of the Ministry Fund	15,977
Ministerial Training Fund	-
Church Extension Fund	3,000
Welfare Fund	3,600
Homes for Retired Ministers Fund	10,350
Education Fund	1,300
Sydney Berry Trust	<u>4,936</u>
Total	<u>55,713</u>

The Trustees awarded the grants in the following ways:

- Once again this year grants of £100 from the Education Fund were awarded to each of thirteen children of five ministers to assist with their education.
- The Charities were able to assist four churches in various parts of the country with the grants totalling £16,000 for various types of building work for the maintenance, repair, improvement and modernisation of existing church premises. In order to comply with church insurance stipulations, one church was required to have a safety rail fitted for their gallery seating. Another church needed to renew both the heating boiler and have the church building re-wired. Three of these grants came from the General Purpose Fund (£13,000) and the other was from the Church Extension Fund (£3,000).
- The Trustees were able to support a mature student from one of the listed UCCC churches with a grant of £2,000 from the General Purposes Fund. This was for a one-year course working for Relay, the UCCF's Mission and Discipleship Training for Graduates.
- The John Bunyan Museum in Bedford received a grant of £3,000 from the General Purposes Fund, to assist with the funding for employing the museum's current curator.
- Two churches received grants totalling £15,977 for the support of minister's stipends from the Maintenance of the Ministry fund.

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- £1,000 from the General Purposes Fund was awarded to the Congregational History Society to assist with the administration costs of the society.
- Payments totalling £4,936 were made from the Dr Sydney Berry Trust to four retired ministers and the widow of a former minister of an unaffiliated church.
- Grants totalling £10,350 were awarded from the Homes for Retired Ministers Fund to assist five retired ministers and the widows of two retired ministers of Unaffiliated Churches, with the payment of Council Tax and Water Rate demands.
- Further grants totalling £3,600 for the relief of hardship were made to five retired ministers and the widows of three former retired ministers of unaffiliated churches, which came from the Welfare Fund.
- Once again this year ministers and pastors of Unaffiliated Congregational Churches were awarded a grant of £125 each with the specific aim of purchasing theological books for their own personal library. The total cost of £2,250 came from the General Purposes Fund
- Three anniversary grants of £100 each were paid from the General Purpose Fund to three churches.
- Bradley Chapel returned the building portion of the grant they received in November last year, totalling £5,000, this was refunded to the General Purposes Fund.

Loans

From time to time the Charities are able to make low cost interest loans to churches, to be repaid over a set period of two, three or five years or longer if required to assist with ongoing repairs or renovations to church property.

The Trustees made one loan of £5,000 during 2018. This came from the General Purposes Fund. This is part of an ongoing arrangement of loans for 2019 and 2020.

Charitable commitments

As part of the policy of continually reviewing all the regular grants, as outlined in the Report of the Trustees the following grant structure for Maintenance of the Ministry, welfare and various other regular grants is in place. These future grants have been notified to the churches and individuals concerned and with the exception of the grants from Dr Sydney Berry Trust for retired ministers and retired minister's widows, which have not been guaranteed.

Year	£
2019	38,708
2020	30,959
2021	26,645

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Financial instruments

Objectives and policies

The Charities' activities expose it to a number of financial risks including credit risk, cash flow risk and liquidity risk.

Cash flow risk

The Charities' activities expose it primarily to the financial risks of changes in interest rates. Interest bearing assets are held at fixed rate to ensure certainty of cash flows.

Credit risk

The Charities' principal financial assets are bank balances and investments.

The credit risk on liquid funds is limited because the counterparties are banks and high credit ratings by international credit-rating agencies.

The Charities have no significant concentration of credit risk, with exposure spread over a number of counterparties.

Liquidity risk

In order to maintain liquidity to ensure that sufficient funds are available for ongoing operations and future developments, the Charities uses investments in charity-managed funds and deposits which are reviewed on a regular basis.

Disclosure of information to the auditor

Each Trustee has taken steps that they ought to have taken as a Trustee in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Charities' auditor is aware of that information. The Trustees confirm that there is no relevant information that they know of and of which they know the auditor is unaware.

Reappointment of the auditor

The auditors Horsfield & Smith are deemed to be reappointed as auditors for the ensuing year.

The annual report was approved by the Trustees of the Charity on 19/6/19..... and signed on its behalf by:



.....
Mr R J Alp
Trustee

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STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

The trustees are responsible for preparing the trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with the United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) and applicable law and regulations.

The law applicable to charities requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the constitution. The trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees of the charity on 19/6/19 and signed on its behalf by:



Mr R J Alp
Trustee

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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 December 2018, which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, and Notes to the Financial Statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is United Kingdom Accounting Standards, comprising Charities SORP - FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and applicable law (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2018 and of its results for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the ISAs (UK) require us to report to you where:

- the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the trustees have not disclosed in the financial statements any identified material uncertainties that may cast significant doubt about the charity's ability to continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charity and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

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Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities [set out on page 11], the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF UNAFFILIATED
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- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the charity to express an opinion on the financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the charity audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the trustees those matters we are required to state to trustees in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



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UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
Income and Endowments from:						
Investment income	2	28,313	22,005	45,983	96,301	95,609
Other income	3	<u>61,080</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>61,174</u>	<u>964</u>
Total Income		<u>89,393</u>	<u>22,099</u>	<u>45,983</u>	<u>157,475</u>	<u>96,573</u>
Expenditure on:						
Raising funds	4	(15,011)	(15,268)	-	(30,279)	(27,909)
Charitable activities	5	<u>(24,169)</u>	<u>(36,957)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(61,126)</u>	<u>(93,698)</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>(39,180)</u>	<u>(52,225)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(91,405)</u>	<u>(121,607)</u>
Net income/(expenditure)		50,213	(30,126)	45,983	66,070	(25,034)
Gains/losses on investment assets		(50,831)	(39,653)	(85,101)	(175,585)	102,502
Gross transfers between funds		<u>9,730</u>	<u>36,253</u>	<u>(45,983)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		9,112	(33,526)	(85,101)	(109,515)	77,468
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward		<u>674,623</u>	<u>686,177</u>	<u>1,163,808</u>	<u>2,524,608</u>	<u>2,447,140</u>
Total funds carried forward	16	<u>683,735</u>	<u>652,651</u>	<u>1,078,707</u>	<u>2,415,093</u>	<u>2,524,608</u>

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (INCORPORATING THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

Prior year Statement of Financial Activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Endowment funds £	Total 2017 £
Income and Endowments from:					
Investment income	2	28,263	22,034	45,312	95,609
Other income		887	77	-	964
Total Income		<u>29,150</u>	<u>22,111</u>	<u>45,312</u>	<u>96,573</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds		(14,055)	(13,854)	-	(27,909)
Charitable activities		(55,163)	(38,535)	-	(93,698)
Total Expenditure		<u>(69,218)</u>	<u>(52,389)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(121,607)</u>
Net (expenditure)/income		(40,068)	(30,278)	45,312	(25,034)
Gains/losses on investment assets		31,230	24,283	46,989	102,502
Gross transfers between funds		13,541	31,771	(45,312)	-
Net movement in funds		4,703	25,776	46,989	77,468
Reconciliation of funds					
Total funds brought forward		<u>669,920</u>	<u>660,401</u>	<u>1,116,819</u>	<u>2,447,140</u>
Total funds carried forward	16	<u>674,623</u>	<u>686,177</u>	<u>1,163,808</u>	<u>2,524,608</u>

All of the charity's activities derive from continuing operations during the above two periods.

The funds breakdown for 2017 is shown in note 16.

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**BALANCE SHEET
31 DECEMBER 2018**

	Note	2018 £	2017 £
Fixed assets			
Investments	13	2,251,765	2,427,350
Current assets			
Debtors	14	47,450	42,528
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>121,354</u>	<u>59,683</u>
		168,804	102,211
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	15	<u>(5,476)</u>	<u>(4,953)</u>
Net current assets		<u>163,328</u>	<u>97,258</u>
Net assets		<u>2,415,093</u>	<u>2,524,608</u>
Funds of the charity:			
Endowment funds		1,078,707	1,163,808
Restricted funds		652,651	686,177
Unrestricted income funds			
Unrestricted funds		<u>683,735</u>	<u>674,623</u>
Total funds	16	<u>2,415,093</u>	<u>2,524,608</u>

The financial statements on pages 16 to 34 were approved by the trustees, and authorised for issue on 19.12.18..... and signed on their behalf by:



Dr D L James
Trustee

UNAFFILIATED CONGREGATIONAL CHURCHES CHARITIES

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

1 Accounting policies

Statement of compliance

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with 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 (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair view'. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued on 16th July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Unaffiliated Congregational Churches Charities meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Exemption from preparing a cash flow statement

The charity opted to early adopt Bulletin 1 published on 2 February 2016 and have therefore not included a cash flow statement in these financial statements.

Going concern

The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Income and endowments

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Donations and legacies

Cash donations, gifts, legacies and grants are accounted for in full as they are received. The value of voluntary help is not included in the accounts.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

Investment income

Bank interest is accounted for on receipt. Other investment income is accounted for when receivable.

The Statement of Financial Activities includes net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

Expenditure

All expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to that expenditure, it is probable settlement is required and the amount can be measured reliably. All costs are allocated to the applicable expenditure heading that aggregate similar costs to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of resources. The irrecoverable element of VAT is included within the item of expense to which it relates. Grants offered subject to conditions, which have not been met at the year end date, are noted as commitment but not accrued as expenditure.

Raising funds

These are costs incurred in the management of investments.

Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the Charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

Governance costs

These include the costs attributable to the Charity's compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fixed asset investments

Fixed asset investments, other than programme related investments, are included at market value at the balance sheet date. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and their market value at the start of the year, or their subsequent cost, and are charged or credited to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period of disposal.

Unrealised gains and losses represent the movement in market values during the year and are credited or charged to the Statement of Financial Activities based on the market value at the year end.

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Trade debtors

are amounts due from customers for merchandise sold or services performed in the ordinary course of business.

are recognised initially at the transaction price. They are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method, less provision for impairment. A provision for the impairment of is established when there is objective evidence that the will not be able to collect all amounts due according to the original terms of the receivables.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash on hand and call deposits, and other short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to a known amount of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Borrowings

Interest-bearing borrowings are initially recorded at fair value, net of transaction costs. Interest-bearing borrowings are subsequently carried at amortised cost, with the difference between the proceeds, net of transaction costs, and the amount due on redemption being recognised as a charge to the Statement of Financial Activities over the period of the relevant borrowing.

Interest expense is recognised on the basis of the effective interest method and is included in interest payable and similar charges.

Borrowings are classified as current liabilities unless the charity has an unconditional right to defer settlement of the liability for at least twelve months after the reporting date.

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Fund structure

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the Trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the Charity. Income from those assets may be used to support the objectives of the Charity.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Financial instruments

Classification

Financial assets and financial liabilities are recognised when the Charity becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial liabilities are classified according to the substance of the contractual arrangements entered into.

Recognition and measurement

All financial assets and liabilities are initially measured at transaction price (including transaction costs), except for those financial assets classified as at fair value through profit or loss, which are initially measured at fair value (which is normally the transaction price excluding transaction costs),

Financial assets and liabilities are only offset in the statement of financial position when, and only when there exists a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and the Charity intends either to settle on a net basis, or to realise the asset and settle the liability simultaneously.

Financial assets are derecognised when and only when a) the contractual rights to the cash flows from the financial asset expire or are settled, b) the Charity transfers to another party substantially all of the risks and rewards of ownership of the financial asset, or c) the Charity, despite having retained some, but not all, significant risks and rewards of ownership, has transferred control of the asset to another party.

Financial liabilities are derecognised only when the obligation specified in the contract is discharged, cancelled or expires.

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2 Investment income

	Unrestricted funds		Endowment funds	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
	General £	Restricted funds £	Expendable £		
Interest receivable and similar income; Interest receivable on bank deposits	104	-	-	104	17
Other income from fixed asset investments	<u>28,209</u>	<u>22,005</u>	<u>45,983</u>	<u>96,197</u>	<u>95,592</u>
	<u>28,313</u>	<u>22,005</u>	<u>45,983</u>	<u>96,301</u>	<u>95,609</u>

3 Other income

	Unrestricted funds		Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
	General £	Restricted funds £		
Other income	59,305	94	59,399	77
Rental income	<u>1,775</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,775</u>	<u>887</u>
	<u>61,080</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>61,174</u>	<u>964</u>

Other income includes £59,305 received from the Congregational Federation Ltd. This sum represents a third of the sale proceeds of the Former Rishworth Congregational Church.

4 Expenditure on raising funds

	Note	Allocated support costs £	Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
Administration costs	6	<u>30,279</u>	<u>30,279</u>	<u>27,909</u>

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5 Expenditure on charitable activities

	Note	Unrestricted funds		Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
		General £	Restricted funds £		
Grant funding of activities		21,486	34,227	55,713	88,631
Governance costs	6	<u>2,683</u>	<u>2,730</u>	<u>5,413</u>	<u>5,067</u>
		<u>24,169</u>	<u>36,957</u>	<u>61,126</u>	<u>93,698</u>

6 Analysis of governance and support costs

Raising funds expenditure

Administrative costs

	Unrestricted funds		Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
	General £	Restricted funds £		
Staff costs	10,020	10,191	20,211	19,565
Administrative expenses	<u>4,991</u>	<u>5,077</u>	<u>10,068</u>	<u>8,344</u>
	<u>15,011</u>	<u>15,268</u>	<u>30,279</u>	<u>27,909</u>

Governance costs

	Unrestricted funds		Total 2018 £	Total 2017 £
	General £	Restricted funds £		
Audit fees				
Audit of the financial statements	961	979	1,940	1,850
Other fees paid to auditors	<u>1,722</u>	<u>1,751</u>	<u>3,473</u>	<u>3,217</u>
	<u>2,683</u>	<u>2,730</u>	<u>5,413</u>	<u>5,067</u>

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7 Grant-making

Analysis of grants

	Grants to institutions		Grants to individuals	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	£	£	£	£
Analysis				
General Purposes	12,300	40,550	9,186	12,061
Maintenance of the Ministry	15,977	20,710	-	-
Ministerial Training	-	1,000	-	-
Church Extension	3,000	-	-	-
Homes for Retired Ministers	-	-	10,350	9,960
Welfare	-	-	3,600	3,150
Education	-	-	1,300	1,200
	<u>31,277</u>	<u>62,260</u>	<u>24,436</u>	<u>26,371</u>

8 Net incoming/outgoing resources

Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year include:

	2018	2017
	£	£
Audit fees	<u>1,940</u>	<u>1,850</u>

9 Trustees remuneration and expenses

During the year the charity made the following transactions with trustees:

£3,531 (2017: £2,302) of expenses were reimbursed to the trustees during the year.

During the year ten trustees were paid expenses in relation to reimbursed meeting expenses.

No trustees, nor any persons connected with them, have received any remuneration from the charity during the year.

No trustees have received any other benefits from the charity during the year.

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10 Staff costs

The aggregate payroll costs were as follows:

	2018 £	2017 £
Staff costs during the year were:		
Wages and salaries	18,362	17,786
Pension costs	<u>1,849</u>	<u>1,779</u>
	<u>20,211</u>	<u>19,565</u>

The monthly average number of persons (including senior management team) employed by the charity during the year expressed as full time equivalents was as follows:

	2018 No	2017 No
Executive officer	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

No employee received emoluments of more than £60,000 during the year

11 Auditors' remuneration

	2018 £	2017 £
Audit of the financial statements	<u>1,940</u>	<u>1,850</u>
Other fees to auditors		
All other non-audit services	<u>3,473</u>	<u>3,217</u>

12 Taxation

The charity is a registered charity and is therefore exempt from taxation.

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13 Fixed asset investments

	2018 £	2017 £
Other investments	<u>2,251,765</u>	<u>2,427,350</u>

Other investments

	Fixed interest investments £	Managed funds £	Total £
Cost or Valuation			
At 1 January 2018	892,212	1,535,138	2,427,350
Revaluation	<u>(34,967)</u>	<u>(140,618)</u>	<u>(175,585)</u>
At 31 December 2018	<u>857,245</u>	<u>1,394,520</u>	<u>2,251,765</u>
Net book value			
At 31 December 2018	<u>857,245</u>	<u>1,394,520</u>	<u>2,251,765</u>
At 31 December 2017	<u>892,212</u>	<u>1,535,138</u>	<u>2,427,350</u>

Analysis of investments at 31 December 2018 between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total Funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2017 £
Listed and other investments					
Fixed interest investments	235,401	183,631	438,213	857,245	892,212
Managed funds	<u>423,592</u>	<u>330,434</u>	<u>640,494</u>	<u>1,394,520</u>	<u>1,535,138</u>
	<u>658,993</u>	<u>514,065</u>	<u>1,078,707</u>	<u>2,251,765</u>	<u>2,427,350</u>

The investments representing more than 5% of the total value are as follows:

	Endowed			Expendable		
	Units	Market Value	%	Units	Market Value	%
Charinco Income Units	55354.057	102,959	4.6	82708.374	153,838	6.8
COIF Income Unites	17231.700	247,461	11.0	23674.980	339,992	15.1
Charifund Units	27600.000	393,033	17.5	29074.909	414,034	18.4
COIF Fixed Interest Units	251447.120	<u>335,254</u>	14.9	198900.440	<u>265,194</u>	11.8
		<u>1,078,707</u>			<u>1,173,058</u>	

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14 Debtors

	2018	2017
	£	£
Prepayments	200	200
Other debtors	-	78
Amounts falling due after more than one year: Interest in property	17,250	17,250
Amounts falling due after more than one year: Loans to churches	<u>30,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
	<u>47,450</u>	<u>42,528</u>

The interest in property figure includes loans to two churches made on the following basis:

In March 1992 a loan was made to the Congregational Federation Limited to purchase the freehold reversion of Bethania, Tredegar, amounting to £6,250. This represented 13% of the value of the building at that time. Repayment of the loan will be made in the event of the church closing with 13% of the sale price.

Also in March 1992, a loan was made to the Congregational Federation Limited to purchase the freehold reversion of Bethesda, Brynmawr, amounting to £11,000. This loan represented 22% of the value of the building at that time. Repayment of the loan will be expected if and when the church is sold with 22% of the sale price.

Loans to churches carry an interest rate set by the Trustees. All such loans are considered recoverable.

In November 2016 the trustees agreed a loan of £25,000 to the Union Croft Chapel. This loan will only be repayable in the event of the closure of the chapel or if the pastor leaves the chapel.

In November 2017 the trustees agreed a loan of £5,000 per year for three years, starting in 2018, to Bethania Congregational Church. If the church closed within that three year period any loans made would have to be paid back in full from the sale proceeds of the church, otherwise the loans would be reviewed again after three years.

15 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2018	2017
	£	£
Other taxation and social security	288	-
Accruals	<u>5,188</u>	<u>4,953</u>
	<u>5,476</u>	<u>4,953</u>

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16 Funds	Balance at 1 January 2018 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2018 £
Unrestricted funds						
<i>General</i>						
General purpose	674,623	89,393	(39,180)	9,730	(50,831)	683,735
Total unrestricted funds	<u>674,623</u>	<u>89,393</u>	<u>(39,180)</u>	<u>9,730</u>	<u>(50,831)</u>	<u>683,735</u>
Restricted funds						
Maintenance of ministry	-	2,951	(15,977)	18,344	(5,318)	-
Ministerial training	192,306	2,857	(5,043)	10,272	(5,148)	195,244
Church extension	241,773	8,485	(9,344)	1,769	(15,290)	227,393
Homes for retired ministers	223,449	6,389	(16,211)	3,651	(11,343)	205,935
Welfare	28,649	1,316	(4,350)	835	(2,371)	24,079
Education	-	101	(1,300)	1,382	(183)	-
Total restricted funds	<u>686,177</u>	<u>22,099</u>	<u>(52,225)</u>	<u>36,253</u>	<u>(39,653)</u>	<u>652,651</u>
Endowment funds						

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	Balance at 1 January 2018 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2018 £
<i>Permanent</i>						
General purpose	688,424	27,200	-	(27,200)	(50,340)	638,084
Maintenance of ministry	49,026	1,937	-	(1,937)	(3,585)	45,441
Ministerial training	259,969	10,272	-	(10,272)	(19,009)	240,960
Church extension	44,777	1,769	-	(1,769)	(3,274)	41,503
Homes for retired ministers	92,410	3,651	-	(3,651)	(6,757)	85,653
Welfare	21,126	835	-	(835)	(1,545)	19,581
Education	8,076	319	-	(319)	(591)	7,485
Total Endowment funds	1,163,808	45,983	-	(45,983)	(85,101)	1,078,707
Total funds	2,524,608	157,475	(91,405)	-	(175,585)	2,415,093
<i>Unrestricted funds</i>						
<i>General</i>						
General purpose	669,920	29,150	(69,218)	13,541	31,230	674,623
Total unrestricted funds	669,920	29,150	(69,218)	13,541	31,230	674,623
<i>Restricted funds</i>						

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	Balance at 1 January 2017 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Other recognised gains/(losses) £	Balance at 31 December 2017 £
Maintenance of ministry	-	2,955	(20,710)	14,499	3,256	-
Ministerial training	181,674	2,861	(5,504)	10,122	3,153	192,306
Church extension	227,814	8,497	(5,645)	1,743	9,364	241,773
Homes for retired ministers	221,988	6,380	(15,464)	3,598	6,947	223,449
Welfare	28,925	1,317	(3,866)	823	1,450	28,649
Education	-	101	(1,200)	986	113	-
Total restricted funds	660,401	22,111	(52,389)	31,771	24,283	686,177
Endowment funds						
<i>Permanent</i>						
General purpose	660,629	26,803	-	(26,803)	27,795	688,424
Maintenance of ministry	47,047	1,909	-	(1,909)	1,979	49,026
Ministerial training	249,473	10,122	-	(10,122)	10,496	259,969
Church extension	42,969	1,743	-	(1,743)	1,808	44,777
Homes for retired ministers	88,679	3,598	-	(3,598)	3,731	92,410
Welfare	20,273	823	-	(823)	853	21,126
Education	7,749	314	-	(314)	327	8,076
Total endowment funds	1,116,819	45,312	-	(45,312)	46,989	1,163,808
Total funds	2,447,140	96,573	(121,607)	-	102,502	2,524,608

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The specific purposes for which the funds are to be applied are as follows:

Maintenance of the Ministry - Income is used for grants to Unaffiliated Congregational Churches or otherwise for maintaining ministry within a Congregational Church.

Ministerial Training - Income is used for training men and women for the ministry of the Congregational Denomination.

Church Extension - For the use of the upkeep and repair of property, and the services it provides, of an Unaffiliated Congregational Church. In addition the fund may be used for the extension of existing buildings and in the provision or construction of buildings to be used as a Congregational Church or for residences of ministers of Unaffiliated Congregational Churches.

Homes for Retired Ministers - Income from this fund is to be used to provide accommodation for retired ministers and their widows/widowers in retirement.

Welfare - For use in the relief of need among ministers and their dependents by way of grants or otherwise.

Education - To be used for the benefit of the children of the minister of an Unaffiliated Congregational Church.

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17 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds
	General		Permanent	
	£	£	£	£
Fixed asset investments	658,993	514,065	1,078,707	2,251,765
Current assets	47,688	121,116	-	168,804
Current liabilities	(5,476)	-	-	(5,476)
Total net assets	<u>701,205</u>	<u>635,181</u>	<u>1,078,707</u>	<u>2,415,093</u>

18 Analysis of net funds

	At 1 January	Cash flow	At 31
	2018		December
	£	£	£
Cash at bank and in hand	59,683	61,671	121,354
Net debt	<u>59,683</u>	<u>61,671</u>	<u>121,354</u>

19 Financial instruments

Categorisation of financial instruments

	2018	2017
	£	£
Financial assets measured at fair value through profit or loss	2,251,765	2,427,350
Financial assets that are debt instruments measured at amortised cost	47,250	42,328
Financial liabilities measured at amortised cost	5,476	4,953

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20 Related party transactions

As the minister of Bradley Congregational Chapel, Pastor Mike Valentine took no part in the discussion or the decision in awarding the Book Grant to ministers.

Reverend Chris Damp, Treasurer to the Congregational History Society, took no part in the discussion or the decision to award the grant. As minister of Bunyan Meeting in Bedford, Revd Damp left the meeting when the discussion and decision was made to award a grant to the Bunyan Museum.

A Custodian Trustee Grant was awarded to the Congregational Partnership Ltd. Mr Roy Alp, Chairman of the Congregational Partnership Ltd, took no part in the discussion or the decision to award a Custodian Trustee Grant to the Congregational Partnership Ltd.

