

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEICESTERSHIRE**  
**ACCOUNTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1139356

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### **CHARITY INFORMATION**

1/. The Charity is governed by the Constitution adopted 13 November 2003 as amended 16 November 2010 in which its object was stated as "The advancement of the Christian Religion for the public benefit and other purposes which are charitable according to the Law of England and Wales as the Trustees may determine".

2/. The Trustees of the Charity are:

MICHAEL HOCKADAY

SUZANNE KELLY

JANET PERRY

DIANNE TIDBALL

MAUREEN JONES

3/. The Charity supports Christian Church groups in the County of Leicestershire as stated in Clause 5 of the Constitution.

4/. The Charity provides means of consultation between denominations, churches, local Councils and Groups of Churches, Local Ecumenical Partnerships and those in Local Covenants.

5/. The charity facilitates common witness to Christ by the member churches.

6/. The charity is the Sponsoring Body for all Local Ecumenical Partnerships in the area.

7/. The charity seeks to enable the churches to respond to the needs of the whole community and of the world and to witness the Gospel together.

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### **TRUSTEES REPORT**

The Trustees present their report and the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017

#### **Charity Registration**

This is the eighth Formal Report as a Registered Charity.

#### **Summary of activities**

The Trustees have continued to support denominations, churches, local Councils and Groups of Churches, Local Ecumenical Partnerships and those in local Covenants. The work is co-ordinated by the County Ecumenical Development Officer (CEDO), one of two directly paid workers, the other being the Lubbesthorpe Pioneer Community Worker (see below).

#### **Development and future plans**

There are no immediate plans to alter the way in which the Charity is run nor the way in which the income is expended. However, in order to maximise on income the Business Reserve Account at NatWest was closed in 2013 and monies transferred to a newly opened Santander Business Reward Saver Account to take advantage of better interest rates. These rates were reduced once in October 2014 and again in November 2016 but they still represented as good a return as those available at most similar institutions. In December 2017 there was a small increase in rates following a recent rise in Bank Rate and this rate of interest is expected to remain (or even increase) during 2018.

#### **Lubbesthorpe**

Lubbesthorpe is a very large housing development to the west of Leicester and a Pioneer Community Worker (PCW) has been appointed funded by four Church Groups (Anglican, Baptist, Methodists and United Reformed Church). During 2016 the Charity took on the responsibility of managing the Lubbesthorpe Account and paying the PCW on behalf of these Church Groups. The monies involved are more than those in the Basic CTiL Account but are ring fenced as a separate sub-account and shown in a separate column on the Receipts and Payments Summary pages.

#### **Fresh Expressions Area Strategy Team (FEAST)**

Since 2013 the Charity has accepted the responsibility of managing the (small) FEAST Account. The Income and Expenditure goes through the Main Account but since this is a specific ring fenced subaccount. The details are shown in a separate column on the Receipts and Payments Summary pages.

However, there has been no movement in or out during 2017.

## **Reserves**

All of the Charity's basic income is derived from donations from denominations and membership donations/subscriptions from local Councils and Groups of Churches. It is ring-fenced where necessary. It is considered prudent to have, as a minimum, sufficient reserves to allow for a redundancy payment to the CEDO should forward projections suggest that the contract needs to be terminated.

## **Summary of Results**

The Trustees have made no special grants during the year. The major expenditures are directed towards maintaining the CEDO in his post and in his work, and in managing the Lubbesthorpe Account.

The Trustees are satisfied with the Charity's affairs.

Michael Hockaday

Trustee

Date: 22 February 2018

# **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEICESTERSHIRE**

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEICESTERSHIRE**

I report on the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2017 which are set out on the next two pages.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities" Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

### **It is my responsibility to:**

- examine the accounts under section 144 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent Examiners Statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
  - and- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not be met; or
- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding on the accounts to be reached.

**David Barnett FCA** 22 February 2018

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