REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND

UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

FOR

DOWANVALE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES For The Year Ended 31 December 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Free Church of Scotland currently has over 100 congregations in Scotland, as well as 1 in London and 5 in North America, and sister Churches founded by mission work in India, Peru and South Africa. The Church also has a full time seminary in the heart of Edinburgh for the training of Ministers and other Christian workers and sustains an extensive Missionary programme relative to the size of the church.

Dating from 1843 but with its roots in the Reformation, it owes its distinctive title to its historical struggle to remain 'free' from state interference in its internal affairs. It has close and active relations with many other Reformed churches of Jesus Christ throughout the world and stands firmly in the tradition which accepts the Bible in its entirety as the Word of God and, therefore, derives its forms of teaching, worship, ministry and government from it. The main emphasis of our worship is the preaching of the gospel - the good news of a free and sovereign salvation through Jesus Christ alone.

Dowanvale Free Church of Scotland is a congregation of the Free Church of Scotland working towards the common aims set out above. It is a Presbyterian church adhering in its worship and doctrine to the position of the Church of Scotland at the Reformation. The Free Church of Scotland has an explanatory document which explains the origins of the Church and which gives the historical background to the Church coming into being in 1843 and lists documents in which is embodied the constitution of the Church. The congregation is authorised by the Church to have a Minister, and as of May 2023 an Assistant Minister, paid from the central funds of the Church.

At 31 December 2022 the congregation owned the following properties: Church building at 35 Dowanhill Street, Glasgow and the manse property at 9 Laurel Park, Jordanhill.

The government of the Free Church of Scotland is Presbyterian and the congregation is within the Presbytery of Glasgow & Argyll.

Significant activities

During the year, the Church met regularly for worship and carried out various activities in pursuit of the above stated aims.

The congregation continued its commitment to support the Free Church of Scotland both spiritually and financially.

Grantmaking

The congregation makes grants from its gift income to individuals and organisations whose aims are compatible with the congregation's objectives.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES For The Year Ended 31 December 2022

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE Charitable activities

Achievements and Performance

During 2022 the Church in Dowanvale met regularly for worship with two services on a Sunday and Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening and carried out various other activities in pursuit of the above stated aims. Grace Church Kilmacolm also met regularly for worship on each Sunday morning along with regular midweek meetings.

The congregation continued as an active supporter of the Free Church of Scotland both spiritually and financially.

Significant highlights, events and developments of note in the year include the following:

The congregational administrator continued in post throughout 2022 with a reduction to part-time hours alongside university studies. She has provided invaluable support to all the activities of the Church and we as a Church are grateful for her selfless devotion to the task over many years.

The Women and Family Worker also continued in post over 2022, working part time to support our minister and the youth worker and she has been very active in supporting the congregation and the community through various activities including the food bank and other local and mercy missions. This has included partnering with like-minded organisations around the local area to ensure effective services are delivered.

Outreach to the local community was continued throughout the year with good connections having been made with local schools and groups. The 'Top Tots' mother and toddlers' group continues to be well attended alongside the Youth Club for 8-16 year olds.

The food bank at the church continued over 2022 to help the most needy in our community and we are grateful to the many people who keep the stores well stocked. The numbers in attendance grew over the year and we are grateful to the volunteers that allow us to provide this service to the community.

The Hope Explored course was held in the final quarter of the year and is much appreciated by those who attend.

Various other activities and events were held during the year including the Student Welcome Week, International Students outreach, National Day of Prayer, Christmas Carols and Community Night along with the annual contributions to the Blythswood Shoebox appeal.

Led by the Deacons Court and Kirk Session, the Church engaged an architect to develop plans to refurbish the existing church building at Dowanhill Street. These plans sought to capture the vision of a Church building that is fit-for-purpose and meets the needs of all those attending the various activities in the building. Fundraising for this project began in earnest during the year.

The congregation continues to give very generously for special collections to various causes transmitted during the year.

A special thanks is due to all who have contributed so much by way of time, energy and resources to supporting the work of the church - some of this work can be seen in the open but we also have people contributing quietly and requesting anonymity.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The financial statements for the year are set out in pages 6 to 16. The Statement of Financial Activities on page 6 reflects net incoming resources of $\pounds 27,934$ (2021, $\pounds 233,773$).

Principal funding sources

The congregation receives its funding by way of weekly/monthly offerings and gift aid donations.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES For The Year Ended 31 December 2022

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Reserves policy

The main commitment against the congregation's general fund is its financial contribution to the funds of the Free Church of Scotland. The unrestricted funds were assessed as providing a sufficient balance to meet on-going opening commitments in the new year.

Total reserves, including balances on restricted funds but excluding the book value of fixed assets amounted to $\pounds 734,513$ (2021, $\pounds 704,899$).

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

Dowanvale Free Church of Scotland is established by Constitution.

Trustees and Office Bearers

The church is Presbyterian in government and its day to day running is undertaken by the Elders (the Kirk Session) and the Deacons (the Deacons' court). The Deacons' Court's specific function relates to the material and financial business of the congregation, whereas Elders are charged with the general and spiritual oversight of the congregation (it is accepted practice for the Minister and Elders to also be in membership of the Deacons' Court). Under charity law the Deacons' Court are deemed to be the Trustees of the Congregation. (This is distinct from the role of congregational trustees responsible only for holding property in trust).

Congregational Trustees

For holding property: S Mackenzie, M Mackenzie, G Macrae (resigned February 2023), M McCormick.

Appointment of Charity Trustees

The Kirk Session exercises its discretion in determining the most appropriate method of electing new Trustees (Elders and Deacons). Any election process must involve the communicant membership of the congregation. There is no fixed term for Trusteeship. Prior to their appointment, new Trustees would have served the Church for some time in various roles and would be familiar with the Church's values, its aims and objectives as well as its day-to-day operations. As part of their induction programme, new Trustees are required to understand their statutory responsibilities as well as their responsibility as Elder or Deacon.

Risk management

The Trustees assess the major risks to which the congregation is exposed on an ongoing basis and have established procedures to mitigate those that are identified as a result of these reviews.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number SC038274

Principal address 35 Dowanhill Street Partick Glasgow G11 5QR

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES For The Year Ended 31 December 2022

Trustees

The Deacons' Court (the Trustees) who served during the year were as follows :-

Elders :

J Mackenzie A N Morrison A Macleod A Morrison R Morrison J Macdonald S Mackenzie D Mclelland G Macrae (resigned in February 2023) C Macdonald

Deacons

M Morrison M Mackenzie N Morrison D Smith E Smith A Blair M MacCormick A Macmillan

Minister

Rev K Macleod

Independent Examiner

Kathleen Benham Benham Conway & Co. Chartered Accountants 16 Royal Crescent Glasgow G3 7SL

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 20 September 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

A Macmillan - Trustee

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 set out on pages six to thirteen.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

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

Basis of the independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

In 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 44(1)(a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met; or

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

Kathleen Benham The Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland

Benham Conway & Co. Chartered Accountants 16 Royal Crescent Glasgow G3 7SL

20 September 2023

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES For The Year Ended 31 December 2022

INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	31.12.22 Total funds £	31.12.21 Total funds £
Donations and legacies		188,418	44,885	233,303	264,990
Investment income Other income	2	5,570 590	-	5,570 590	1,684 145,006
Total		194,578	44,885	239,463	411,680
EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities Direct charitable expenditure		176,288	35,241	211,529	177,907
NET INCOME Transfers between funds	10	18,290 (8,370)	9,644 8,370	27,934	233,773
Net movement in funds		9,920	18,014	27,934	233,773
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS Total funds brought forward		561,695	427,788	989,483	755,710
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		571,615	445,802	1,017,417	989,483

BALANCE SHEET 31 December 2022

	Notes	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	6	282,904	284,584
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	461,759	437,256
Cash at bank		280,388	281,601
		742,147	718,857
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(7,634)	(13,958)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		734,513	704,899
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		1,017,417	989,483
NET ASSETS		1,017,417	989,483
FUNDS	10		
Unrestricted funds		571,615	561,695
Restricted funds		445,802	427,788
TOTAL FUNDS		1,017,417	989,483

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 20 September 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

A Macmillan - Trustee

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For The Year Ended 31 December 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset less estimated residual value over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	-	0%	on cost
Improvements to property	-	10%	on cost
Equipment	-	25%	on cost
Fixtures and fittings	-	25%	on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

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

Designated funds represent unrestricted funds which have been earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

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.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Government grants

Government grants in respect of capital expenditure are treated as deferred income and are credited to the profit and loss account over the estimated useful life of the asset to which they relate or twenty years, whichever is shorter. Government grants in respect of revenue expenditure are credited to the profit and loss account in the year to which they relate.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued For The Year Ended 31 December 2022

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	31.12.22	31.12.21
	£	£
Bank Interest	75	15
Other Interest	5,495	1,669
	5,570	1,684

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

During the year remuneration of £2,346 (2021, £2,346) was paid to N Morrison, a trustee, for services rendered.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2022 nor for the year ended 31 December 2021.

4. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.12.22	31.12.21
Staff	4	4

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES Unrestricted Restricted Total funds funds funds £ £ £ **INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM** 29,555 264,990 Donations and legacies 235,435 Investment income 1,684 1,684 _ Other income 145,006 145,006 _ Total 29,555 382,125 411,680 **EXPENDITURE ON** Charitable activities Direct charitable expenditure 173,626 4,281 177,907 **NET INCOME** 208,499 25,274 233,773 Transfers between funds 101,303 (101, 303)Net movement in funds 107,196 126,577 233,773 **RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS** Total funds brought forward 454,499 301,211 755,710 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD 561,695 427,788 989,483

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued For The Year Ended 31 December 2022

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Improvements to property £	Equipment £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST At 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022	281,250	10,240	25,277	19,715	336,482
DEPRECIATION At 1 January 2022 Charge for year	-	8,192 1,024	23,991 656	19,715	51,898 1,680
At 31 December 2022	-	9,216	24,647	19,715	53,578
NET BOOK VALUE At 31 December 2022	281,250	1,024	630		282,904
At 31 December 2021	281,250	2,048	1,286		284,584

Freehold property in the balance sheet consists of the church buildings at 35 Dowanhill Street and the manse property at 19 Laurel Park Close, Glasgow which are both stated at cost.

The property at 35 Dowanhill Street was purchased in 1935 for £1,250. This does not provide any meaningful guide to the current value of these buildings and is stated for information only.

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

<i>.</i>		31.12.22	31.12.21
	Other debtors	£ 461,759	£ 437,256
8.	CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR	31.12.22	31.12.21
		51.12.22 £	51.12.21 £
	Trade creditors	184	یر 52
	Other creditors	7,450	13,906
		7,634	13,958

9. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

			31.12.22	31.12.21
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
	funds	funds	funds	funds
	£	£	£	£
Fixed assets	282,904	-	282,904	284,584
Current assets	296,345	445,802	742,147	718,857
Current liabilities	(7,634)	-	(7,634)	(13,958)
	571,615	445,802	1,017,417	989,483

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued For The Year Ended 31 December 2022

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

		Net	Transfers	
		movement	between	At
	At 1.1.22	in funds	funds	31.12.22
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	175,156	18,407	(8,370)	185,193
Assets Fund	281,250	-	-	281,250
Fabric Fund	105,289	(117)	-	105,172
	561,695	18,290	(8,370)	571,615
Restricted funds				
Fabric Fund	6,713	(6,713)	-	-
Grace Church	108,898	17,676	-	126,574
Mission Work Fund	312,177	-	-	312,177
Building Refurbishment Fund	-	(8,370)	8,370	-
Food Bank Fund	-	7,051	-	7,051
	427,788	9,644	8,370	445,802
TOTAL FUNDS	989,483	27,934	-	1,017,417

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	-	£
Unrestricted funds	L	£	L
			40.40-
General fund	194,578	(176,171)	18,407
Fabric Fund	-	(117)	(117)
	194,578	(176,288)	18,290
Restricted funds			
Fabric Fund	4,558	(11,271)	(6,713)
Grace Church	24,622	(6,946)	17,676
Building Refurbishment Fund	6,030	(14,400)	(8,370)
Food Bank Fund	9,675	(2,624)	7,051
	44,885	(35,241)	9,644
TOTAL FUNDS	239,463	(211,529)	27,934

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued For The Year Ended 31 December 2022

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

		Net	Transfers	
		movement	between	At
	At 1.1.21	in funds	funds	31.12.21
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General fund	111,663	208,499	(145,006)	175,156
Assets Fund	286,550	-	(5,300)	281,250
Fabric Fund	56,286	-	49,003	105,289
	454,499	208,499	(101,303)	561,695
Restricted funds	,	,		,
Fabric Fund	2,691	4,022	-	6,713
Grace Church	87,646	21,252	-	108,898
Mission Work Fund	210,874	-	101,303	312,177
	301,211	25,274	101,303	427,788
TOTAL FUNDS	755,710	233,773		989,483

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds	~	~	æ
General fund	382,125	(173,626)	208,499
Restricted funds			
Fabric Fund	4,519	(497)	4,022
Grace Church	25,036	(3,784)	21,252
	29,555	(4,281)	25,274
TOTAL FUNDS	411,680	(177,907)	233,773

Explanation of funds

The General Fund encompasses all income and expenditure relating to the primary focus activities of the charity, other than those for which funding is restricted.

The Assets Fund represents the value of unrestricted funds tied up in fixed assets, which would not be readily convertible into cash.

The unrestricted Fabric Fund represents the balance of the surpluses generated from disposal of properties in prior years which trustees agreed to designate as part of overall congregational Fabric Funds and any deficit from the Restricted Fabric Fund.

The restricted Fabric Fund represents monies received from contributors to fund the on-going running and maintenance costs for congregational properties.

The Grace Church Fund represents monies held on behalf of Grace Church, Kilmacolm.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued For The Year Ended 31 December 2022

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

The Mission Work Fund represents the proceeds from the sale of 17 Strathcarron Drive, Paisley and sale of 9 Silk Street, Paisley. The funds are held by the Central office of the Free Church of Scotland and can only be used by Dowanvale Free Church for mission work.

The Building Refurbishment Fund represents monies restricted for use in the Dowanhill Street Church building refurbishment project This will also include professional service fees associated with the project.

The Food Bank Fund represents monies restricted for use in food provision to the community.

11. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

During the year included in donations is £80,772 (2021, £74,390) received without conditions from trustees and their close family members.

During the year payments of $\pounds 2,037$ (2021, $\pounds 2,308$) were made to trustees and their close family members for services rendered.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES For The Year Ended 31 December 2022

	31.12.22 £	31.12.21 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Legacies	-	55,417
Door Collection Freewill Offering	16,695 136,305	7,324 133,129
Fabric Fund	4,548	4,519
Gift Aid Tax Reclaim	27,278	27,592
Publications	248	395
Grace Church	17,878	18,212
Special Collections/Donations	5,536	6,093
Local Mission Building refurbishment	9,110 6,030	12,309
Food bank donations	9,675	_
		264,000
	233,303	264,990
Investment income		
Bank Interest	75	15
Other Interest	5,495	1,669
	5,570	1,684
Other income		
Gain on sale of tangible fixed assets	-	145,006
Interest on gift aid	590	-
	590	145,006
Total incoming resources	239,463	411,680
	237,703	411,000
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Trustees' Salaries	2,346	2,346
Other Salaries	27,767	37,826
Social Security	840	2,200
Pensions Contribution to Central Funds	2,229 95,000	3,360 90,100
Presbytery Expenses	2,418	90,100 1,742
Publications (Magazines)	928	1,273
S.School/Church Camps etc	1,958	531
Youth Club Supplies	99	77
Youth Fellowship	325	313
Mother & Toddlers Stationery & Postage	299 1,595	175 1,403
Church Telephone/Website	1,595	1,405
Catering/kitchen supplies etc	503	211
Carried forward	137,310	142,668

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES For The Year Ended 31 December 2022

	31.12.22	31.12.21
Charitable activities	£	£
Brought forward	137,310	142,668
Miscellaneous Expenses	364	160
Cleaning Materials	356	537
Salary Administration	240	235
Depreciation - Property Improvements	1,024	1,024
Depreciation - Equipment	656	1,864
Heat & Light	11,093	4,414
Council Tax & Water Rates	4,452	4,529
Insurance	5,363	5,427
Repairs & Maintenance	11,897	855
Visiting Preachers' expenses	915	550
Grace Church Expenses	6,946	3,784
Building refurbishment costs and associated fees	14,400	-
Food bank expenses	2,624	-
Donations	6,885	4,574
Training	380	-
Mercy Mission	355	2,129
Outreach	4,469	3,327
	209,729	176,077
Support costs		
Governance costs		
Accountancy	1,800	1,830
Total resources expended	211,529	177,907
Net income	27,934	233,773