



(Company Limited by Guarantee)
Report and Financial Statements
Year Ended 31 December 2017

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland
Financial Statements Year Ended 31 December 2017
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**Churches Together in Britain and Ireland
Trustees' Report (Incorporating the Directors' Report)
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Letter from the General Secretary

At a time when our society is going through a period of rapid and extensive change, the churches and church organisations are equally challenged to grow and meet the new challenges of Brexit and the wider geo-political contexts. Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI)'s continuing focus on unity and reconciliation across a wide range of forums is both appropriate and timely.

Our existing work in China and the Middle East along with new work in Sri Lanka, gives the churches an insight and opportunity to hear different perspectives from the world church. At a time when it is easy to turn agendas inwards and have an "at home" focus, it is also appropriate that we are able to continue to deepen our partnerships with the world church, other faith communities and those who feel that their voice is rarely heard.

We remain committed to giving voice to those who are often regarded as "being on the edge" who in reality are those hidden in plain sight. The new Centre for Theology and Justice along with its partners is a good example of this.

We are looking forward to another year of stimulating and encouraging engagements and initiatives.

Best wishes

Bob Fyffe

Bob Fyffe
General Secretary

Trustees' report

The Trustees present their Annual Report (also incorporating the Directors' Report) for the year ended 31 December 2017. The Trustees are listed on page 32 and general information relating to CTBI is also given on page 33.

Overview of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland

Structure, Governance and Management

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI) was incorporated in England on 22 December 2005, and on 1 April 2007 acquired all the assets and functions of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, an unincorporated association, (Registered Charity number: 259688). The Company provides a structure to facilitate the operations of CTBI with membership drawn from the National Ecumenical Instruments (ACTS; CTE; CYTÛN and ICC), the Churches and Bodies in Association.

CTBI is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales (Company number 05661787) and established under a Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 22 December 2005 (as amended on 3 May 2007, 22 September 2010 and 5 May 2011). It is a registered charity with the Charity Commission for England and Wales (Charity number 1113299).

The names of those who served as Trustees (and who are also directors of the company) during 2017 and up to the date of signing these accounts are listed on page 32. The Trustees delegate day to day management of CTBI to the General Secretary, Bob Fyffe.

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Governance

The board meets five times each year including one residential meeting. In addition, the Finance and General Purposes Committee reports to each meeting of the Trustees. Board members new to the work of CTBI meet with the General Secretary and senior staff for orientation. Where required, additional training or advice is made available and Trustees are kept informed and up to date about all relevant regulatory and other governance matters at board meetings.

Board membership in recent years has been broadened to give greater voice to the churches whilst also allowing the Board to develop the necessary skills and expertise. Trustees can be nominated or proposed by any of the members of CTBI (other than Bodies in Association). Those nominated by the National Ecumenical Bodies of England, Scotland or Wales or by the Irish Council of Churches (collectively, a maximum of 5) will be elected to serve by majority vote of those Trustees who have been appointed from the member Churches. Member Churches can appoint, collectively, up to 10 Trustees who are elected via proposal to a nominations committee which ensures balance between various Christian traditions. Trustees can also be co-opted, and anyone so appointed will serve until the subsequent AGM at which point they can be re-elected. The minimum number of Trustees is 10 and the maximum is 22. One third of Trustees retire at each AGM, and are eligible for re-election. We continue to seek new ways of ensuring that our member Churches have significant representation and the issues that are live for our membership are brought to the board table.

The staff and Trustees of CTBI continue to believe that we have an important role to play across the Four Nations and internationally. At a time of great uncertainty both locally, nationally, and internationally the need for dialogue between the churches, other faith communities and government is even more important. The work that we undertake through our international focus is becoming increasingly important. The sharing of information, the creation of resources that support local initiatives, the focus of national and international into our local understanding, is as important today as at any time in the past. CTBI is a resource for serving the churches and the communities in which our churches are set, as they strive to work together through deepening dialogue and interaction. The small dedicated team remains responsive to fresh demands and new initiatives. Its emphasis continues to be on relationships and the building of dialogue between the churches and associated organisations as they serve their local communities.

The Trustees have given due consideration to the Charity Commission's published guidance on the Public Benefit requirement under the Charities Act 2011.

Objectives and Activities

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland has been established by its member Churches to enable them to work together for the advancement of the Christian religion, the relief of poverty, the advancement of education and any other charitable purpose. CTBI seeks to further these objects by providing opportunities for representatives of the Churches to meet together and to share some of their resources in the pursuance of jointly agreed activities.

CTBI is an umbrella body through which the member Churches cooperate on common issues. It works closely with the National Ecumenical Instruments to give witness to the essential unity of the Christian movement. CTBI's core tasks are providing "structured ecumenical space" for meetings and encounters, facilitating shared study on common issues and fostering relationships, both among the Churches and between the Churches and the wider world.

Our Statement of Purpose

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland believe that unity is an urgent missional imperative crucial for peace, reconciliation and the future of the whole created earth.

It is time we cease projecting the image of a dismembered Body of Christ, which is a counter-witness to the good news we desire to proclaim.

The ecumenism we seek is neither a fruit-salad Christianity nor a monolith resulting from one powerful church swallowing the others. Rather it is a dynamic gathering together of people and communities of faith (local, national and international) that complement one another, each with its own historical identity, its unique tradition, its own doctrinal emphasis, its particular worship form and its own forms of social engagement and

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mission to the world; in short, a pentecostal communion of communities that understand and speak one another's languages.

We will review this through:

Engagement (Programme)

1. Have consistent and deeper engagement with member churches and partner organisations
2. Listen closely to the needs and aspirations of the membership
3. Champion diversity (integration, identity, inclusivity)
4. Extend the communication reach of CTBI

Leadership

1. Promote strong collaborative partnerships
2. Offer appropriate theological reflection
3. Deliver strong significant impact in our work nationally and internationally
4. Be innovative and bold

Organisational Performance

1. Strengthen the financial performance of the organisation, through rigorous and ongoing review
2. Ensure smooth running of the organisation, committees and Board
3. Continue to develop the organisation and its profile to be fit for purpose
4. Continue to improve the performance and learning of the team

These three aspects will be judged against the following indicators:

- Strengthen the Fellowship
- Witnessing Together
- Spirituality and Reflection
- Building Trust and Understanding
- Communicating Effectively

Principal activities

The principal activities of the Charity continue to be carried out for the public benefit and comprise:

- witnessing to and working towards the visible unity of the Christian Churches;
- providing opportunities for representatives of the Churches to meet and to plan their work together;
- where possible resourcing the work of these Churches in their relationship with government and social concerns, in their international relationships and in their internal life;
- seeking opportunities for the development of partnerships with external community based organisations;
- working on the Churches' behalf on issues such as racial justice, relations with people of other faiths and aspects of mission;
- developing and publishing for the Churches resources for study and prayer; and
- developing new social media platforms to engage with wider society.

These activities are undertaken in close partnership with the ecumenical bodies established to work in the separate nations of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland.

Achievements and Performance

Strengthening governance and accountability

This aspect of work has focused on the ways in which the CTBI programme reflects and is communicated to our member Churches and partners. It had previously been agreed that small task groups would support key staff in taking forward critical aspects of work. This has been achieved and is working well.

Indicators: Strengthen the Fellowship, Building Trust and Understanding, Communicating Effectively

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National Ecumenical Instruments and Bodies in Association

Our collaborative work continues with our partner Churches Together organisations across Britain and Ireland. Regular contact is maintained across the organisations to minimise overlap and duplication of issues and work. Following various national reviews there continues to be the need to engage with member churches effectively. *Indicators: Strengthen the Fellowship, Witnessing Together, Spirituality and Reflection, Building Trust and Understanding, Communicating Effectively*

Christian Aid participation - There is a close working partnership between CTBI and Christian Aid. The General Secretary stood down as a Trustee and Board member of Christian Aid but other staff members work closely with the Church relations department of Christian Aid. This ensures a steady flow of information and dissemination of programmes across the shared networks. A deepening relationship with aspects of Christian Aids international work is growing, especially in the Middle East context.

Indicators: Strengthen the Fellowship, Witnessing Together, Communicating Effectively

Middle East consultation – Windsor

In December 2017 CTBI, in partnership with Christian Aid and St. George's House, Windsor, CTBI hosted a theological consultation on language pertaining to the Holy Land and the Israel-Palestine conflict. We assembled 6 main contributors, including Dr Munther Isaac, a young Palestinian theologian from Bethlehem, and a total of 30 participants in all with a diverse ecumenical spread from across the four nations. Following the consultation, a study guide is being prepared by CTBI which includes the text of the papers given as well as study material and additional resources.

Indicators: Strengthen the Fellowship, Witnessing Together, Building Trust and Understanding

Invest in Peace

This continuing partnership with the Board of Deputies engages local churches and synagogues that focus on supporting reconciliation projects between Palestinians and Israelis. This has so far featured "Parents Circle" which works with parents bereaved as a result of the conflict. We have held events in London and are planning further events in Manchester, Leeds and Glasgow with a number of future initiatives being actively considered.

Indicators: Witnessing Together, Building Trust and Understanding

China Links

There was a very successful Church leaders visit to China in the summer of 2017. Further theological work is being discussed with particular interest in the development of contextual theology and possible links to theological colleges in China. There is the clear opportunity to link this work with theological colleges here in Britain and Ireland. The China Forum continues to discuss ways in which this work can be deepened and expanded.

Indicators: Strengthen the Fellowship, Building Trust and Understanding

WCC Network on Korea

The staff at CTBI continue to be involved in the WCC Network on Korean Reconciliation on behalf of the CTBI constituency. The main outcome desired by the Korean Churches is for a peace treaty to be established. There is also the clear need at this time to express solidarity with the Korean Churches in working for reconciliation. Potential visits are being considered to increase awareness and solidarity for those working for a peaceful outcome to the conflict in the Korean peninsula.

Indicators: Strengthen the Fellowship, Witnessing Together, Building Trust and Understanding

Middle East concerns

CTBI continues to engage with partners across the Middle East, especially the Middle East Council of Churches. Staff continue to share in the management group of the EAPPI programme. The wider concerns of the region continue to be monitored and visits considered. Following on from the Windsor consultation, there is consideration being given to a new programme of ethical pilgrimage to Israel/Palestine.

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Sri Lanka partnership

Specific plans are being implemented at present, in partnership with the Sri Lanka Council of Churches. Support is being given to reconciliation work especially through staff capacity in Colombo. Links will be made to the Sri Lankan community in the UK to continue the necessary work of reconciliation. Areas of shared work include a focus on gender, environment, and conflict resolution. Resources from each Council will be shared whenever possible.

Indicators: Strengthen the Fellowship, Witnessing Together, Spirituality and Reflection, Building Trust and Understanding

Inter religious – New IFTAG resource

The Inter Faith Theological Advisory Group (IFTAG) has completed a study guide on the document “Christian Witness in a Multi-Religious World” from the World Council of Churches (WCC), the Pontifical Council for Inter-Religious Dialogue and the World Evangelical Alliance. This is now available as a download from the CTBI website. Within the next 12 months IFTAG expects to publish all the papers given at the consultation on theological language and the Holy Land along with a study guide on the themes from the consultation. We also plan to deliver a conference on Christian Zionism, a publication on women and interfaith, a resource on inter-religious dialogue and church growth and a discussion paper on theology of reciprocity and interfaith hospitality.

Indicators: Witnessing Together, Spirituality and Reflection, Building Trust and Understanding

WPCU 2018 resources and 2019 outline

The resources for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (WPCU) 2018 was a major project for the year and included the coordination of writers and other specialists. The materials took up the theme from the Caribbean Churches which reflect upon the inheritance of the transatlantic slavery and contemporary challenges in ecumenism.

The theme for 2019 has been developed by the churches in Indonesia and explores the call to be one amidst a world of injustice. The character of this is the context of Christian ecumenism in a majority Muslim situation. The CTBI Writers Group will be commencing work on these materials in November.

Indicators: Strengthen the Fellowship, Witnessing Together, Spirituality and Reflection, Communicating Effectively

Lent

The Lent resource for 2018 was prepared by HOPE on the theme “50 Stories of Hope” featuring stories of transformation in the lives of people serving prison sentences. The printed resource includes a foreword by the Archbishop of Canterbury. This has now also been developed by CTBI to include a web resource which has been shared by BBC Radio 4.

Indicators: Strengthen the Fellowship, Witnessing Together, Spirituality and Reflection, Communicating Effectively

Centre for Theology and Justice

This has now been established and the work is moving ahead. Various projects are in process. Possibilities for future work include poverty issues, spirituality and justice and work around embodied theology.

Consideration is being given to how creative arts can be used to explore spirituality and other issues. The principal activity at present is the creation of an Arts project, exploring theology and justice through the use of creative arts. An Artist in Residence is the first step that has been completed and work on the theme of gender and identity is being considered.

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Refugees

The Churches Refugee Network now has oversight of all aspects of shared work being undertaken. Recent CTBI sponsored visits by a group of young men to Lampedusa, and a women leader's visit to refugee camps in southern Greece were very successful, with significant engagement across social media. Discussions are ongoing regarding useful support to churches who are actively offering resettlement opportunities. Given CTBI's role and oversight, it is useful for us to offer support to avoid duplication. CTBI also plays an important role in offering web resources and reports that help keep others informed about this important work.

Indicators: Witnessing Together, Building Trust and Understanding, Communicating Effectively

Racial Justice

CTBI Trustees are looking to increase work around Racial Justice and associated issues in the coming year. Particular concern around issues of race have surfaced once again in the context of a certain brand of xenophobia. Far right commentators have used the current political context to conflate refugee issues with race, ethnicity and associated issues. Trustees and staff have considered ways that this work should be supported and re-engaged in the course of 2018 and will include aspects of Sanctuary and justice.

Indicators: Strengthen the Fellowship, Witnessing Together, Spirituality and Reflection, Building Trust and Understanding

Mission Theology Advisory Group

This is a joint project with the Church of England, currently exploring issues that have a direct relevance to the current political situation regarding Brexit, especially aspects of belonging and community. The overarching theme works under the title of Liberation and Entrapment.

Indicators: Witnessing Together, Spirituality and Reflection, Building Trust and Understanding, Communicating Effectively

Faith and Order Matters

CTBI held a Faith and Order conference "Called to be One?" in Edinburgh in late 2016 and various discussions continue to emerge from this consultation. It has proved more difficult to engage significant members in faith and order concerns over the last year. Nevertheless effort continues to be placed on theological discussion and engagement.

Indicators: Witnessing Together, Spirituality and Reflection

World Council of Churches (WCC) and Conference of European Churches (CEC)

Significant effort went into preparing a potential bid document and process to host the 2021 WCC General Assembly, as reported last year. The eventual outcome of a consultation with the Churches meant that the proposal was not taken forward. However, we were grateful for the effort and assistance of the City of Glasgow Council. What has emerged from the consultation was some mixed views regarding the WCC and wider ecumenical fora and work programmes. These are being explored at present in various contexts.

The next CEC General Assembly will take place in the summer of 2018 along with the next Central Committee of the WCC. Both events require preparatory meetings being arranged by CTBI.

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Websites

A list of the current websites being managed by the CTBI web manager and other staff indicates the breadth of work being covered. New websites will be added in due course, such as the Churches Funeral Group. Other social media continues to be important to the reach of CTBI resources and programmes.

Main website: ctbi.org.uk

WPCU wall: www.weekofprayer.org

Centre for Theology and Justice: www.theologyjustice.org

Focus on Refugees: www.focusonrefugees.org

Churches General Election: www.churcheselection.org.uk

Churches Together directory: www.churchestogether.org

A Good Society: www.agoodsociety.org

Dispossession Project: www.dispossessionproject.org

China Online Centre: www.chinaonlinecentre.org

Lent pilgrimage: www.lentpilgrimage.org.uk

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Financial Review

Donations in 2017 derive mainly from member church subscriptions and grants for specific projects. Subscription rates have been frozen for the last six years and so remain at similar levels to last year. Investment income derives from our portfolio of investments but the largest element consists of rent received from Christian Aid in respect of Inter Church House. Charitable activities generate income from various events and the provision of services to other ecumenical organisations. Sales of publications have shown a decrease of around 28% compared with 2016.

Expenditure has reduced compared to 2016, largely on account of a large grant in that year which was a one-off cost. Staff levels have reduced, while other expenditure has continued on a similar basis on core programme elements and ad hoc project work. Expenditure in 2017 reflects the working practices with a majority of employees' home working.

The net surplus (before investment gains and transfers) on the general fund is £17,369 for the year (2016: deficit of £19,094). Designated funds show a deficit of £52,496 (2016: £122,214), which includes sales proceeds and costs from publications. Restricted funds include funds which are being deliberately drawn down, and show a deficit of £84,311 (2016: £85,684). These deficits reflect the expenditure referred to above, as well as a reduction in other sources of income including event income and recharges of staff time which no longer apply.

The value of investments has shown gains (realised and unrealised) of £546,260 during the year (2016: £104,432). The Charity's reserves remain at a satisfactory level. The Charity is budgeting to continue to operate within its overall level of income and average investment gains over the coming year although reserves in excess of requirements may be used to support some projects.

Investments and property

The Trustees may invest any funds not immediately required by CTBI into such investments, securities or property as they believe would be beneficial to CTBI. The portfolio of investments is managed on a discretionary basis by W H Ireland subject to certain ethical restrictions laid down by the Trustees. These arrangements are monitored by the Finance and General Purposes Committee of CTBI, which reports to the Trustees. In addition CTBI holds, as a programme related investment, Inter Church House which is occupied by Christian Aid for use as their headquarters.

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Investment policy and performance

CTBI investments are held in a portfolio of equities and securities managed on a discretionary basis by WH Ireland with the aim of providing income and growth. This fund was benchmarked against the ARC Charity Steady Growth Index. During the year the portfolio has shown a total return of 27.8% compared with a benchmark return of 9.4%. We continue to engage actively with our investment managers to ensure the best performance for the assets under the charity's control.

Reserves

The total funds of £2,974,963, analysed between general, designated, restricted and endowment funds, are set out in notes 18 and 20 of the accounts on pages 26 and 28 respectively. An explanation for the purposes of each fund is presented in note 20. The Property Fund amounting to £726,160 can only be realised on the disposal of programme related investments.

CTBI needs reserves to enable it to meet both its on-going commitments in respect of its general charitable activities and to meet its future operating requirements. The Trustees have assessed the required reserves having taken into account six months on-going expenses plus known existing and future liabilities together with a contingency to take account of the uncertainty and changes required as a result of reduced funding. This assessment requires a minimum level of free reserves (i.e. general funds less amounts represented by the net book value of fixed assets) of £500,000. A minimum level of investment income is required to be maintained to enable the current level of activity to continue into the future.

The level of free reserves as at 31 December 2017 amounted to £1,427,840. The Trustees are aware that, owing largely to investment performance over the year, the amount held in excess of the minimum desired level of reserves has grown. The surplus held above the desired level will be applied to the following purposes:

- to continue fund core work which has previously been funded from restricted and designated funds which are now depleted
- to support new work around Racial Justice through the creation of a new staff post
- to provide other additional staff resource to enhance governance
- to support other ongoing programme work of CTBI
- to underwrite the long term pension deficit and cover the additional amounts payable annually towards this deficit
- to act as a hedge against fluctuations in the value of investments.

Risk assessment

The Trustees undertake regular assessment of the risks and uncertainties that face the charity, principally financial shortfall as a result of reduced member subscriptions or investment losses; shortfalls in compliance; legal and emergency risks. Action taken to minimise the risks concerned include adequate insurance provision, spreading investment risk and careful management and checks of procedures. The risk assessment is reviewed continually by the Finance and General Purposes Committee and is revisited by the Trustees on an annual basis.

Auditor

Crowe Clark Whitehill LLP has indicated its willingness to be reappointed as auditor during the forthcoming year and a resolution to reappoint them will be put to the Annual General Meeting.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law).

Under company law the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company and of its net incoming/outgoing resources for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the method and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for Charities;
- make judgments 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;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue to operate.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charitable company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They 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.

So far as each of the Trustees at the date of this report is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the Charity's auditor is unaware. Each Trustee has taken all the steps that he/she ought to have taken as a Trustee in order to make himself/herself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the Charity's auditor is aware of that information.

The Trustees report was approved by the Trustees on 21st March 2018 and is signed on their behalf by:

HG Bishop Angaelos
Trustee

Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland

We have audited the financial statements of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland for the year ended 31 December 2017 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cashflow Statement 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 applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's 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 charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2017 and of its incoming resources and application of resources 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 Companies Act 2006.

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 charitable company 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 charitable company'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.

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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.

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.

Opinion on other matter prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

In our opinion based on the work undertaken in the course of our audit

- the information given in the trustees' report, which includes the directors' report prepared for the purposes of company law, for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report included within the trustees' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the directors' report included within the trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept; 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 or
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the trustees' report.

Responsibilities of Trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 9, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) 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 charitable company'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 charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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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.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

[This report has not yet been signed]

Guy Biggin

Senior Statutory Auditor

For and on behalf of

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	Notes	Unrestricted funds General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2017 £	<i>Total 2016 £</i>
INCOME							
Donations and legacies	2	146,889	4,497	24,901	-	176,287	162,697
Charitable activities	3	1,900	13,435	8,722	-	24,057	49,877
Investments	4	267,499	9,354	425	1,500	278,778	262,242
Total		416,288	27,286	34,048	1,500	479,122	474,816
EXPENDITURE							
Raising Funds		8,774	1,314	59	211	10,358	9,258
Charitable activities	5	390,145	78,468	118,300	-	586,913	691,578
Total expenditure		398,919	79,782	118,359	211	597,271	700,836
Net income/(expenditure) before gains/(losses) on investments		17,369	(52,496)	(84,311)	1,289	(118,149)	(226,020)
Net gains on investments	13	462,738	69,286	3,127	11,109	546,260	104,432
Net income/(expenditure)		480,107	16,790	(81,184)	12,398	428,111	(121,588)
Transfers between funds	10	(7,011)	1,289	7,011	(1,289)	-	-
Net movement in funds		473,096	18,079	(74,173)	11,109	428,111	(121,588)
Reconciliation of Funds							
Total Funds brought forward		1,107,496	1,172,191	213,557	53,608	2,546,852	2,668,440
Net movement in funds		473,096	18,079	(74,173)	11,109	428,111	(121,588)
Total Funds carried forward		1,580,592	1,190,270	139,384	64,717	2,974,963	2,546,852

The Charity has no recognised gains and losses other than those included in the Statement of Financial Activities.

All amounts relate to continuing operations.

The notes on pages 16 to 31 form part of these financial statements

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland
Balance Sheet
31 December 2017

	Notes	2017 £	2016 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	12	152,752	150,886
Quoted investments	13a	2,694,942	2,228,455
Interest in Inter-Church House	13b	526,160	526,160
Total Fixed Assets		3,373,854	2,905,501
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	14	20,913	28,804
Cash at bank and short term deposit		51,993	94,093
Total Current Assets		72,906	122,897
LIABILITIES			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	15	(88,797)	(58,546)
NET CURRENT (LIABILITIES) / ASSETS		(15,891)	64,351
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		3,357,963	2,969,852
CREDITORS: amounts falling due in more than one year	16	(383,000)	(423,000)
TOTAL NET ASSETS		2,974,963	2,546,852
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY			
	18/20		
Unrestricted - General fund		1,580,592	1,107,496
Unrestricted - Designated funds		464,110	446,031
- Property fund		726,160	726,160
		2,770,862	2,279,687
Restricted funds		139,384	213,557
Endowed funds		64,717	53,608
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS		2,974,963	2,546,852

These financial statements were approved by the Trustees and authorised for issue on 21st March 2018 and are signed on their behalf by:

HG Bishop Angaelos
Trustee

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Churches Together in Britain and Ireland
Cash Flow Statement
Year to 31 December 2017

	Notes	2017 £	2016 £
Cash flows from operating activities	22	(397,694)	(490,765)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments		278,778	262,242
Purchase of equipment		(2,957)	-
Proceeds from sale of investments		600,859	856,159
Purchase of investments		<u>(521,086)</u>	<u>(678,155)</u>
Cash provided by investing activities		355,594	440,246
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(42,100)	(50,519)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<u>94,093</u>	<u>144,612</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		<u>51,993</u>	<u>94,093</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

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 Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under historical cost convention with the exception of investments which are included at market value.

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102.

b) Going Concern

After making enquires, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources and that there are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Accordingly, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements as outlined in the Statement of Trustee's Responsibilities on page 9.

c) Depreciation

All items with a value of over £1,000 are capitalised. Depreciation is provided on a straight line basis at rates calculated to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its expected useful life as follows:

Freehold properties	- NIL
Office furniture and equipment	- up to 5 years
Computer equipment	- up to 4 years

The Trustees review the carrying value of the property to determine if any impairment has been incurred as at the Balance Sheet date, and a provision is made to reflect any such reduction in value. Otherwise no depreciation is charged on freehold property.

d) Investments

Investments are revalued to market value as at the Balance Sheet date and the surplus or deficit against cost or latest valuation is shown as unrealised gains or losses on the face of the Statement of Financial Activities.

The differences between the carrying value (or cost if acquired during the year) and the proceeds of investments disposed of are shown as realised investment gains or losses in the Statement of Financial Activities.

The interest in Inter-Church House represents the former offices of CTBI which are now let to a Christian organisation with complementary aims and objectives to those of CTBI. The interest of CTBI in the property is accordingly shown in the financial statements as a "programme related" investment and carried in the Balance Sheet at the original amount invested less any provision for impairment. The Trustees regularly review the carrying value and do not consider a provision for impairment is needed.

e) Income

Subscriptions, which are deemed to be voluntary, are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which the income relates. Any income specified for use in future accounting periods is deferred and recognised in those accounting periods.

Legacies are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities when they are received or once the executors have notified the Charity that they have been agreed and are due.

All other income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities ("SOFA") as and when entitlement arises, the amount can be reliably quantified and the economic benefit to the Charity is considered probable.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

f) Expenditure

Expenditure is included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT.

Charitable activity costs include attributable staff and other costs for each area of the organisation together with a corresponding apportionment of support costs. The apportionment is done on the basis of staff time spent on each activity.

Governance costs are those associated with constitutional and statutory requirements and include an allocation of overhead costs relating to those activities.

g) Grant Making

Grants payable are recognised when a constructive obligation arises that results in the payment being unavoidable. Grants payable are recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis. The Trustees or a designated subcommittee decides which organisations or individuals should receive grants, and the level which should be granted.

h) Pension Costs

CTBI does not have its own pension scheme, but contributes to denominational schemes or TPT Retirement Solutions (formerly The Pensions Trust, see below) as is appropriate for individual staff members. All staff are entitled to join a pension scheme. Contributions to such schemes are recorded as part of staff costs. Pension costs represent contributions payable to employees' personal pension schemes and are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they are incurred.

The TPT Growth Plan is in most respects a money purchase arrangement, but does include certain guaranteed benefit elements. The Plan is a multi-employer scheme. As such it is not possible in the normal course of events to identify the share of the underlying assets belonging to the individual participating employers, and accordingly, in accordance with section 28 of FRS102, is also accounted for as a defined contribution scheme with contributions being recorded as they become payable.

i) Classes of Charitable Funds

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds are funds set aside by the Trustees from the general funds for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are monies, which have legal restrictions on their use where donors have specified the funds can only be spent on certain of the Charity's activities.

Permanent Endowment funds are funds where the Trustees are required to hold capital, mainly represented by investments, and are not entitled to spend them. Income arising from these funds represents unrestricted income.

j) Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised once there is legal or constructive obligation that commits the Charity to the obligation.

k) Operating Leases

Rentals under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as incurred.

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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

l) Financial Instruments

The charity only has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially measured at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value.

Financial assets measured at fair value comprise of quoted investments.

Financial assets measured at settlement value comprise of cash, trade debtors, and other debtors.

Financial liabilities measured at settlement value comprise of trade creditors, sundry creditors and accruals.

m) Judgements in applying accounting policies and key sources of estimation uncertainty

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. The items in the financial statements where these estimates and judgements have been made include the following:

i) Useful economic lives of tangible assets

The annual depreciation charges for the tangible assets are sensitive to changes in the estimate useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are re-assessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on economic utilisation and the physical condition of the assets. See note 12 for the carrying amount of tangible assets and note 1 c) above for the useful lives for each class of asset.

n) Taxation

As a charity, the organisation is exempt from UK corporation tax to the extent that its income is applied to its charitable objects. No liability arose in the period.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2016
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Members subscriptions	146,150	-	1,560	-	147,710	139,610
Grants received	-	-	14,000	-	14,000	15,000
Donations	739	4,497	9,341	-	14,577	8,087
Legacies	-	-	-	-	-	-
	146,889	4,497	24,901	-	176,287	162,697

Grants have been received for the International Student Hardship Fund, which is a restricted fund.

3. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2016
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Publication sales	-	13,435	72	-	13,507	18,663
Event fees	-	-	3,440	-	3,440	10,068
Management services	1,900	-	5,210	-	7,110	21,146
	1,900	13,435	8,722	-	24,057	49,877

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4. INVESTMENTS

	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2016
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rental income	205,000	-	-	-	205,000	205,000
Investment income	62,470	9,354	422	1,500	73,746	57,019
Interest	29	-	3	-	32	223
	267,499	9,354	425	1,500	278,778	262,242

Rental income is received in respect of the CTBI proportion of Inter Church House. Investment income is mainly derived from return on the investment portfolio which is managed on behalf of CTBI on a discretionary basis.

5. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	2017	2017	2017	2017	2017	2016
	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ecumenical programmes	231,494	72,119	99,270	-	402,883	511,892
Resources	157,374	6,300	-	-	163,674	159,623
Grant making	1,277	49	19,030	-	20,356	20,063
	390,145	78,468	118,300	-	586,913	691,578

6. ANALYSIS OF EXPENDITURE ON CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Alloc-	Ecumenical	Resources	Grant	Governance	Support	Total
	ation	programmes		making			
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Staff costs	1	138,145	45,470	-	6,541	92,974	283,130
Meetings and travel costs	2	72,319	9,460	830	4,607	15,932	103,148
Office costs	2	22,135	4,993	-	718	70,774	98,620
Depreciation	2	-	-	-	-	1,091	1,091
Audit fees	3	-	-	-	11,940	-	11,940
Other costs	2	33,721	1,686	-	440	28,293	64,140
Production costs	3	-	2,644	-	-	-	2,644
Grants	3	4,000	-	18,200	-	-	22,200
Governance	4	13,777	10,331	138	(24,246)	-	-
Support costs	4	118,786	89,090	1,188	-	(209,064)	-
Total 2017		402,883	163,674	20,356	-	-	586,913
<i>Total 2016</i>		<i>511,892</i>	<i>159,623</i>	<i>20,063</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>691,578</i>

Basis of allocation:

1. Staff costs have been allocated between charitable activities based on time spent weighted by the salary cost of each member of staff.
2. Other costs have been allocated based on staff costs.
3. Direct costs have been charged appropriately.
4. Governance and support costs have been re-allocated on the basis of staff time.

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7. ANALYSIS OF STAFF COSTS, TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES AND THE COST OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

	2017	2016
	£	£
Wages and salaries	235,528	258,907
Social security costs	22,347	25,947
Pensions	25,255	44,875
	<u>283,130</u>	<u>329,729</u>

No employees received remuneration greater than £60,000 in either accounting period.

No Trustees received remuneration for their services as Trustees (2016: Nil) in the year, nor for any other services provided (2016: nil).

During the year 11 (2016: 10) Trustees received meeting expenses to cover travelling costs totalling £4,742 (2016: £3,154).

Total remuneration paid to key management personnel during the year, including employer's NIC and pension contributions, amounted to £127,197 (2016: £121,084). Key management personnel are the General Secretary and Assistant General Secretary.

	2017	2016
	No.	No.
The average weekly number of employees during the year was:		
Total, including part time employees	6	7
Full time equivalent	<u>5.67</u>	<u>6.25</u>

8. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging auditor's fees payable of £11,940 (2016: £11,700), depreciation of £1,901 (2016: £768) and operating lease payments of £20,800 (2016: £20,800).

9. GRANTS DISBURSED DURING THE YEAR

Grants have been made to meet individual needs. These include a grant to the Irish Council of Churches and, more particularly, grants made through the hardship fund of the Churches International Students Network.

Analysis of grants	Grants to organisations		Grants to individuals	
	Number	£	Number	£
Student grants	-	-	21	18,200
Ecumenical grants	1	4,000	-	-
Total 2017	<u>1</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>18,200</u>
<i>Total 2016</i>	<i><u>1</u></i>	<i><u>75,000</u></i>	<i><u>23</u></i>	<i><u>18,250</u></i>
Details of grants made during the year:			2017	2016
			£	£
Grants to individuals			18,200	18,250
Grants to organisations			4,000	75,000
Administration of Grants			<u>2,156</u>	<u>1,800</u>
Total Grant making			<u>24,356</u>	<u>95,050</u>

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10. TRANSFERS

A transfer of £1,289 has been made, being the net investment income (after deduction of investment management fees) from the Benifold Trust Endowment Fund to the Publications fund to support the publishing of worship resources.

A transfer of £7,011 has been made from the general fund to the restricted International and Mission Fund to cover a deficit on that fund.

11. STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR PRIOR YEAR

The comparative figures for the Statement of Financial Activities, for the year ended 31 December 2016, are shown below:

	Unrestricted funds General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2016 £
INCOME					
Donations and legacies	140,979	-	21,718	-	162,697
Charitable activities	16,320	26,074	7,483	-	49,877
Investments	253,453	7,232	397	1,160	262,242
Total income	410,752	33,306	29,598	1,160	474,816
EXPENDITURE					
Raising Funds	7,843	1,174	53	188	9,258
Charitable activities	422,003	154,346	115,229	-	691,578
Total expenditure	429,846	155,520	115,282	188	700,836
Net income/(expenditure) before gains/(losses) on investments	(19,094)	(122,214)	(85,684)	972	(226,020)
Net gains on investments	88,464	13,246	598	2,124	104,432
Net income/(expenditure)	69,370	(108,968)	(85,086)	3,096	(121,588)
Transfers between funds	-	972	-	(972)	-
Net movement in funds	69,370	(107,996)	(85,086)	2,124	(121,588)
Total funds brought forward	1,038,126	1,280,187	298,643	51,484	2,668,440
Total funds carried forward	1,107,496	1,172,191	213,557	53,608	2,546,852

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12. FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property £	Furniture, IT and office equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 January 2017	150,000	14,056	164,056
Additions	-	2,957	2,957
	<u>150,000</u>	<u>17,013</u>	<u>167,013</u>
31 December 2017			
Accumulated depreciation			
At 1 January 2017	-	13,170	13,170
Depreciation charge for the year	-	1,091	1,901
	<u>-</u>	<u>14,261</u>	<u>14,261</u>
31 December 2017			
Net book values			
31 December 2017	<u>150,000</u>	<u>2,752</u>	<u>152,752</u>
<i>31 December 2016</i>	<u>150,000</u>	<u>886</u>	<u>150,886</u>

13. INVESTMENTS

13 (a) Quoted Investments

All investments are under a discretionary portfolio which is managed by W H Ireland.

	2017 £	2016 £
Market value 1 January	2,228,455	2,302,027
Cost of acquisitions	521,086	678,155
Disposals	(600,859)	(856,159)
Net realised investment gains	56,948	138,216
Net unrealised investment gains / (losses)	<u>489,312</u>	<u>(33,784)</u>
Market value 31 December	<u>2,694,942</u>	<u>2,228,455</u>

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13. INVESTMENTS (Continued)

13 (a) Quoted Investments (Continued)

	2017		2016	
	Market Value	Cost	Market value	Cost
	£	£	£	£
UK Equities & Funds	2,427,162	1,743,274	1,585,387	1,302,322
Overseas Equities & Funds	256,043	149,191	643,068	518,869
Sterling Deposits	11,737	11,737	-	-
Total	<u>2,694,942</u>	<u>1,904,202</u>	<u>2,228,455</u>	<u>1,821,191</u>

The following investments exceed 5% of the total portfolio:

	Holding No.	Value £	Percent
Aviva	45,000	227,925	8.5%
BT Group	56,250	152,831	5.7%
Carnival plc	4,235	207,176	7.7%
easyJet plc	17,200	251,808	9.3%
International Consolidated Airline plc	78,000	507,780	18.8%
Lloyds Banking Group	395,000	268,837	10.0%
Prudential	13,600	259,148	9.6%
Tui AG	20,975	292,600	10.9%

13 (b) Programme Related Investment

	2017	2016
	£	£
Interest in Inter-Church House (Note 1d)	<u>526,160</u>	<u>526,160</u>

CTBI has the right to appoint four out of the ten Trustees to the British and Irish Churches Trust Limited (BICT), a charitable company limited by guarantee with company number 00472409. The objects of BICT are to act as custodian trustee for Churches Together in Britain and Ireland and Christian Aid in relation to the above property.

14. DEBTORS

	2017	2016
	£	£
Trade debtors	7,270	3,238
Other debtors	7,751	21,212
Prepaid costs	<u>5,892</u>	<u>4,354</u>
	<u>20,913</u>	<u>28,804</u>

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15. CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year

	2017	2016
	£	£
Trade creditors	22,681	8,695
Taxation and social security payments	5,849	6,342
Pensions	7,104	6,022
Sundry creditors	3,875	3,253
Accruals	49,288	34,234
	<u>88,797</u>	<u>58,546</u>

16. CREDITORS: amounts falling due in more than one year

	2017	2016
	£	£
Provision for Pension deficit funding obligation	<u>383,000</u>	<u>423,000</u>

17. PENSION OBLIGATIONS

Employees of CTBI are entitled to membership of the Pension Trust Growth Plan ("the Plan"). This is a multi-employer pension plan which in most respects is a money purchase arrangement, although it does include certain guarantee elements as described below.

Contributions paid into the Plan up to and including September 2001 (Series 1 and Series 2) were converted to defined amounts of pension payable from normal retirement dates. From October 2001 contributions were invested in personal funds which have a capital guarantee and which are converted to pension on retirement, either within the Plan or by the purchase of an annuity.

The rules of the Plan give the Trustee the power to require employers to pay additional contributions in order to ensure that the statutory funding objective under the Pensions Act 2004 is met. The statutory funding objective is that a pension scheme should have sufficient assets to meet its past service liabilities, known as Technical Provisions.

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17. PENSION OBLIGATIONS (continued)

A full actuarial valuation for the scheme was carried out at 30 September 2014. This valuation showed total scheme assets of £793m, liabilities of £970m and a deficit of £177m. To eliminate this funding shortfall, the Trustee has asked the participating employers to pay additional contributions to the scheme. During the year this amounted to £45,792 (2016: £45,188) in respect of CTBI.

The recovery plan contributions are allocated to each participating employer in line with their estimated share of the Series 1 and Series 2 scheme liabilities. From 1 April 2016 to 30 September 2028: the additional contributions will be £54,560 per annum (payable monthly and increasing by 3% each on 1st April).

Where the scheme is in deficit and where the company has agreed to a deficit funding arrangement the company recognises a liability for this obligation. The amount recognised is the net present value of the deficit reduction contributions payable under the agreement that relates to the deficit. The present value is calculated using an appropriate discount rate of 1.39% (2016: 1.44%). The unwinding of the discount rate is recognised as a finance cost.

	2017	<i>2016</i>
	£	<i>£</i>
Provision as at 1 January	423,000	<i>439,000</i>
Unwinding of the discount factor	5,000	<i>10,000</i>
Deficit contributions paid	(45,792)	<i>(45,188)</i>
Re-measurements – amendments to the contribution schedule	792	<i>19,188</i>
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Provision as at 31 December	383,000	<i>423,000</i>
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18. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS

	Balance at 1 Jan 2017	Income	Expenditure	Investment Gains	Transfers Between Funds	Balance at 31 Dec 2017
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund						
Retained Funds	<u>1,107,496</u>	<u>416,288</u>	<u>(398,919)</u>	<u>462,738</u>	<u>(7,011)</u>	<u>1,580,592</u>
Designated Funds						
Ecumenical Fund	341,840	9,354	(1,314)	69,286	-	419,166
Programme Fund	63,577	4,497	(67,244)	-	-	830
Redevelopment Fund	18,292	-	(8,580)	-	-	9,712
Publications Fund	22,322	13,435	(2,644)	-	1,289	34,402
Property Fund	<u>726,160</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>726,160</u>
Total Designated Funds	<u>1,172,191</u>	<u>27,286</u>	<u>(79,782)</u>	<u>69,286</u>	<u>1,289</u>	<u>1,190,270</u>
Restricted Funds						
International and Mission	69,161	-	(70,536)	-	7,011	5,636
Youth Work and Training	19,599	-	-	-	-	19,599
Racial Justice and Refugee Fund	18,518	504	(11,892)	-	-	7,130
Children's Ministry Network (CMN)	12,008	5,075	(6,475)	-	-	10,608
International Students Hardship Fund	90,516	15,672	(19,089)	3,127	-	90,226
Christians Abroad	2,627	12,797	(10,367)	-	-	5,057
Pauline Webb Fund	<u>1,128</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,128</u>
Total Restricted Funds	<u>213,557</u>	<u>34,048</u>	<u>(118,359)</u>	<u>3,127</u>	<u>7,011</u>	<u>139,384</u>
Permanent Endowment Funds						
Benifold Trust	<u>53,608</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>(211)</u>	<u>11,109</u>	<u>(1,289)</u>	<u>64,717</u>
TOTAL	<u>2,546,852</u>	<u>479,122</u>	<u>(597,271)</u>	<u>546,260</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,974,963</u>

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19. ANALYSIS OF CHARITABLE FUNDS – COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR PRIOR YEAR

	Balance at 1 Jan 2016	Income	Expenditure	Investment Gains	Transfers Between Funds	Balance at 31 Dec 2016
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund						
Retained Funds	<u>1,038,126</u>	<u>410,752</u>	<u>(429,846)</u>	<u>88,464</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,107,496</u>
Designated Funds						
Ecumenical Fund	333,636	7,232	(12,274)	13,246	-	341,840
Timothy Russ Fund	63,900	-	(63,900)	-	-	-
Programme Fund	120,302	7,653	(64,378)	-	-	63,577
Redevelopment Fund	22,432	-	(4,140)	-	-	18,292
Publications Fund	13,757	18,421	(10,828)	-	972	22,322
Property Fund	<u>726,160</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>726,160</u>
Total Designated Funds	<u>1,280,187</u>	<u>33,306</u>	<u>(155,520)</u>	<u>13,246</u>	<u>972</u>	<u>1,172,191</u>
Restricted Funds						
International & Mission	135,383	-	(66,222)	-	-	69,161
Youth Work & Training	19,599	-	-	-	-	19,599
Racial Justice and Refugee Fund	32,362	-	(13,844)	-	-	18,518
Consultative Group on Ministry Among Children (CGMC)	12,961	4,252	(5,205)	-	-	12,008
International Students Hardship Fund	92,603	15,992	(18,677)	598	-	90,516
Christians Abroad	4,607	9,354	(11,334)	-	-	2,627
Pauline Webb Fund	<u>1,128</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,128</u>
Total Restricted Funds	<u>298,643</u>	<u>29,598</u>	<u>(115,282)</u>	<u>598</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>213,557</u>
Permanent Endowment Funds						
Benifold Trust	<u>51,484</u>	<u>1,160</u>	<u>(188)</u>	<u>2,124</u>	<u>(972)</u>	<u>53,608</u>
TOTAL	<u>2,668,440</u>	<u>474,816</u>	<u>(700,836)</u>	<u>104,432</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,546,852</u>

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20. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Invest- ments £	Inter- Church House £	Net Current Assets £	Long term Liabilities £	Total 2017 £
General Fund						
Retained Funds	152,752	2,282,891	-	(472,051)	(383,000)	1,580,592
Designated Funds						
Ecumenical support	-	341,819	-	77,347	-	419,166
Programme fund	-	-	-	830	-	830
Redevelopment fund	-	-	-	9,712	-	9,712
Publications fund	-	-	-	34,402	-	34,402
Property Fund	-	-	526,160	200,000	-	726,160
	-	341,819	526,160	322,291	-	1,190,270
Restricted Funds						
International and mission	-	-	-	5,636	-	5,636
Youth work and training	-	-	-	19,599	-	19,599
Racial Justice and Refugee fund	-	-	-	7,130	-	7,130
Children's Ministry Network (CMN)	-	-	-	10,608	-	10,608
International Students Hardship Fund	-	15,426	-	74,800	-	90,226
Christians Abroad	-	-	-	5,057	-	5,057
Pauline Webb Fund	-	-	-	1,128	-	1,128
	-	15,426	-	123,958	-	139,384
Permanent Endowed Funds						
Benifold Trust	-	54,806	-	9,911	-	64,717
TOTAL AT 31 DECEMBER 2017	152,752	2,694,942	526,160	(15,891)	(383,000)	2,974,963

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20. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS (continued)

Designated Funds

The Designated Funds represent amounts, which have been set aside at the discretion of the Trustees. These Designated Funds are to provide for expenditure as detailed below.

- The Ecumenical Fund has been established with an initial transfer of £250,000 to enable the income, but not the capital, to be made available for programmes sponsored by the National Ecumenical Instruments. Cumulative income available stands at £22,021 (2016: £12,667). Capital growth attributed to the fund is also available to distribute. This amounts to £147,145 (2016: £79,173).
- The Programme Fund was set up out of surplus reserves to support and extend the programme work of CTBI over 2016 and 2017, and is now largely spent.
- The Redevelopment Fund has been established to fund and support the reorganisation of CTBI. This includes further development of the websites intended for the current year.
- The Publications Fund is set aside to facilitate the completion of the ongoing publications programme and presentation of e-books via the website.
- The Property Fund has been established for Inter-Church House which is a “programme related” investment carried at the original investment amount of £526,160. A further £200,000 has been included for possible liability in the future in respect of repairs to the structural fabric for Inter-Church House (ICH). The lease expires in 2018 and the future use of ICH will be considered at that time.

Restricted Funds

The Restricted Funds are funds which have been donated with specific restrictions imposed on their use. The funds included within this heading are:

- The International and Mission Fund carried forward consists of balances held to support work in Sri Lanka and India.
- The Youth Work and Training Fund arises from funds and programmes relating to Christian youth work and training activities.
- The Racial Justice and Refugee Fund supports work on these matters including migration and asylum issues.
- The Childrens Ministry Network (CMN, previously Consultative Group on Ministry among Children, or CGMC) supports those with national responsibility for work with children in denominations and Christian Agencies.
- The Churches’ International Students Hardship Fund provides grants to assist full-time international students, who are already in Britain and Ireland and who are facing unexpected financial problems during the final stages of their course. The Churches’ International Students Fund, which supported the churches on work with international students and has now been amalgamated with this fund.
- Christians Abroad is a project of CTBI which informs, connects and enables participation in international development and Christian mission.
- The Pauline Webb Fund is established to support women attending ecumenical events.

Permanent Endowed Funds

- The Benifold Trust is administered by CTBI under a Uniting Order 2007 Scheme of the Charity Commission. The income from this endowment is transferred to a Designated Fund and used in ecumenical work in the general field of spirituality and worship materials.

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21. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS – COMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR PRIOR YEAR

	Tangible Fixed Assets £	Invest- ments £	Inter- Church House £	Net Current Assets £	Long term Liabilities £	Total 2016 £
General Fund						
Retained Funds	<u>150,886</u>	<u>1,887,729</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(508,119)</u>	<u>(423,000)</u>	<u>1,107,496</u>
Designated Funds						
Ecumenical support	-	282,651	-	59,189	-	341,840
Programme fund	-	-	-	63,577	-	63,577
Redevelopment & Reorganisation fund	-	-	-	18,292	-	18,292
Publications fund	-	-	-	22,322	-	22,322
Property Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>526,160</u>	<u>200,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>726,160</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>282,651</u>	<u>526,160</u>	<u>363,380</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,172,191</u>
Restricted Funds						
International & mission	-	-	-	69,161	-	69,161
Youth work & training	-	-	-	19,599	-	19,599
Racial Justice and Refugee fund	-	-	-	18,518	-	18,518
Consultative Group on Ministry Among Children (CGMC)	-	-	-	12,008	-	12,008
International Students Hardship Fund	-	12,756	-	77,760	-	90,516
Christians Abroad	-	-	-	2,627	-	2,627
Pauline Webb Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,128</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,128</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>12,756</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200,801</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>213,557</u>
Permanent Endowed Funds						
Benifold Trust	<u>-</u>	<u>45,319</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,289</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>53,608</u>
TOTAL AT 31 DECEMBER 2016	<u>150,886</u>	<u>2,228,455</u>	<u>526,160</u>	<u>64,351</u>	<u>(423,000)</u>	<u>2,546,852</u>

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22. CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2017 £	2016 £
Net income / (expenditure) for the year	428,111	(121,594)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	1,091	768
(Gains) on investments	(546,260)	(104,432)
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(278,778)	(262,242)
Decrease in debtors	7,891	14,968
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	30,251	(2,233)
(Decrease) in creditors over one year	(40,000)	(16,000)
	(825,805)	(369,171)
Net cash (used in) operating activities	(397,694)	(490,765)

23. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 2017 Churches Together in Britain and Ireland had total future minimum payments in respect of its operating lease on premises in Eccleston Square as follows:

	Leased Building 2017 £	2016 £
Payable:		
In less than one year	20,800	20,800
Within 2 – 5 years	31,200	52,000
Total future minimum lease commitment	52,000	72,800

24. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There are no related party transactions other than those disclosed elsewhere in these financial statements.

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Reference and Administrative Details

Directors and Trustees

The Board of Trustees, who are also directors of the company, who served during 2017 and up to the date of signing these accounts, were:

HG Bishop Angaelos	(Moderator)
Revd T Alan Anderson [†]	
Mr Patrick Coyle	
Revd Kathy Galloway	
Revd Dr Ruth Gouldbourne	
Rt Revd David Hamid	
Dr Elizabeth Harris	
Bishop Paul Hendricks	
Ms Gillian Kingston	
Ms Rachel Lampard	Appointed 10 May 2017
Rt Revd John McDowell	
Revd Graham McGeoch	Resigned 11 October 2017
Revd Sarah Moore	
Revd Beatrice Musindi	Resigned 10 May 2017
Lt-Col Jonathan Roberts	
Revd Nicholas Rother [†]	(Treasurer)
Ms Janet Scott	
Ms Patricia White	Appointed 10 May 2017

Those who were not Trustees but attended by invitation were:

Mr Bob Fyffe [†]	General Secretary, Churches Together In Britain and Ireland (CTBI); Company Secretary
Dr Nicola Brady	General Secretary, Irish Council of Churches (ICC)
Revd Dr David Cornick	General Secretary, Churches Together In England (CTE)
Revd Canon Aled Edwards OBE	Chief Executive, Churches Together in Wales (CYTŪN)
Revd Matthew Ross	General Secretary, Action of Churches Together In Scotland (ACTS)
Revd Peter Colwell	Assistant General Secretary, Director of Programmes, CTBI
Ms Christine Elliott	Director of International Programmes, CTBI

[†] Member of Finance and General Purposes Committee

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