

## **AGM of Churches Together in Lancashire October 19th 2017 Blackburn Cathedral**

It has been a busy and fruitful year for Churches Together in Lancashire. "Lancashire Sings Christmas 2016" attracted over 100 venues and 10,000 listeners. It included a special message from the Archbishop of York John Sentamu. This year we hope to attract even more and again will be inviting churches to identify those who may be at home, unable to get out and to go in small groups to enjoy Lancashire Sings Christmas 2017 with them.

In April the Lancashire Church leaders and their ecumenical officers met with the Cumbria Leaders and ecumenical officers to hear about the formation of the Ecumenical County of Cumbria, the first in the UK. With them we began a conversation which continues, and to which you are invited to contribute, as we explore a fresh vision for the ecumenical dimension here in Lancashire.

Building on the success of last year's Ecumenical Convention, which launched the partnership between CTL and the Lancashire Theological Society, this year we welcomed Professor Keith Ward who spoke in two venues. The first addressed the question "Is religion dangerous?" and took place with a mixed Christian/Muslim audience at the Burnley and Pendle Faith Centre. The second event examined the faith and science arena and took place at the Lancaster Methodist Church. Both events were very well attended. The Church Leaders approved the awarding of micro-grants of between £100 - £1,000 for ecumenical projects that bring at least three church groups together in community based mission and service. Applications may be made via your denominational ecumenical officer or directly to your County Officer, Anton Müller

A good number of events for the Week of Prayer and Christian Unity took place in January and also walks of witness took place on Good Friday and Sunrise Services on Easter morning.

CTL has entered into Partnership with Lancashire MIND with four events taking place this month to help churches and faith groups support and promote mental and spiritual health and well-being in the community. Again, these have been well supported.

We said our farewells to Bishop Geoff, who served at various times as chair and vice chair of Churches Together in Lancashire. We welcome a new member of the leaders meeting, Pastor Ron Farrington BEM, of Cross Gate Church as the representative for independent free churches in Lancashire. Canon Mike Hartley has retired as Anglican DEO and is replaced by the Revd Martin Duerden for the Blackburn Archdeaconry and the Revd Gary Lewis for the Lancaster Archdeaconry. Welcome to Martin and Gary. We are awaiting the appointment of a Salvation Army representative to complete the set.

We said goodbye to our Treasurer of 15 years, Mr Keith Slater and welcome our new Treasurer, Mr Jim Fisher.

**Business:** The meeting approved the minutes of the previous meeting. The Church leaders were appointed as Trustees en bloc; the ecumenical project funding initiative was launched available to all registered Churches/Christians Together groups. The meeting closed with a prayer said by Bishop Julian.

# **Churches Together in Lancashire**

**Statement of account for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup>  
December 2017**

# **Independent examiner's report on the accounts of Churches Together in Lancashire**

**Report on the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017.**

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

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Act and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention

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

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

## **Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no material matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- The accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed.......... F.C.C.A. Date.....01.10.2018.....

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Statement of Accounts for the period ended 31st December 2017				
Churches Together in Lancashire		2017		2016
<b>Income</b>				
General Denominational Contributions		9,099		30,023
<b>Other Income</b>				
ACOS		22,716		-
Bank Interest		7		150
Caf Gold Interest		47		-
Reformation		500		-
CEO/DEO Meetings		70	23,341	- 150
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>32,440</b>		<b>30,173</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>				
<b>Ecumenical Development Officer:</b>				92
Salary and Pension		14,717		14,330
Travel and home telephone		2,688		2,414
Consultations, courses and resources		13	17,417	595 17,431
HMRC Payments - PAYE, Tax,& NICs		1,346		955
Forums, conferences & local review expenses		2,173		1,015
<b>Office Costs:</b>				
Equipment		240		299
Insurance		333		326
Rents		350	924	75 700
ACOS		4,600		
Lanc Agricultural Show		207		71
Donations		5,000		-
Bank Charges		-		5
Other Expenses		876		903
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>32,543</b>		<b>21,080</b>
Income Less Expenditure		-	103	9,093
Cleared Liabilities from previous year		19,512		19,487
<b>Profit for the year</b>		<b>19,408</b>		<b>28,580</b>
<b>Assets</b>				
HSBC Current Account		82,739		1,281
HSBC Deposit Account		18,124	100,863	33 1,314
CAF Cash Account		1		1
CAF Gold Account		10	11	99,663 99,664
		100,874		100,978
<b>Liabilities</b>				
General contributions received in advance		-		19,512
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>100,874</b>		<b>81,466</b>
<b>Represented by:</b>				
Last years general funds		81,466		72,398
Balance of Income and Expenditure for the year		19,408		28,580
Current Liabilities		-		- 19,512
		<b>100,874</b>		<b>81,466</b>