

EDMUND RICE BICENTENNIAL TRUST LIMITED
(A Company limited by guarantee)

REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 DECEMBER 2017

Company No. 4229228 (England and Wales)
Charity No. 1098358

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EDMUND RICE BICENTENNIAL TRUST LIMITED**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION****YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017**

Name of Charity: Edmund Rice Bicentennial Trust Limited

Charity Registration Number: 1098358

Company Number: 4229228

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M. Holland
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Investment Advisers:

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Principal Investment Managers:

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EDMUND RICE BICENTENNIAL TRUST LIMITED

DIRECTORS' REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

The Directors present their report and financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017 and confirm that it complies with current statutory requirements, and with the requirements of the Charity's governing instrument.

INTRODUCTION

Edmund Rice Bicentennial Trust Ltd ("The Charity") was incorporated on 5 June 2001 and registered as a Charity on 4 July 2003. Its purpose is to support and fund the Edmund Rice mission in the Developing World. Today, The Charity supports the activities of Christian Brothers across two continents, namely Africa and South America and also supports Edmund Rice Development which fundraises for the work and ministries of the Christian Brothers.

MISSION

The main objects of the Charity are to advance the Christian faith, promote Christian ideals and provide for the education and training of children and other persons according to the spirit and ideals of Blessed Edmund Rice.

OBJECTIVES, AIMS AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives

As stated above under Mission, the main objectives of the Charity are to advance the Christian faith, promote Christian ideals and provide for the education and training of children and other persons according to the spirit and ideals of Blessed Edmund Rice.

Objectives

The Charity intends to meet the objectives listed above by:

1. To provide assistance to children or other persons especially those who are poor by the provision of accommodation, training, instruction, or pastoral care in order to develop their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual capacities.
2. To provide assistance as the Trustees may from time to time think fit for the provision of educational facilities.
3. To provide or assist in the provision of education of any child or person in keeping with the precepts of Christian faith and Christian ideals.
4. Provide assistance for the training of teachers, parents, youth leaders or other persons engaged or to be engaged in provision of education, leadership, development, or instruction of children and other persons.
5. To provide where needed, assistance for the furtherance or development of education or youth leadership, religious and moral development especially of the young and disadvantaged as well as for the relevant educational research.
6. To provide for the reasonable needs and assistance of those who have served the main objects of the charity and to provide them with the necessary resources required in the performance of their duty in keeping with the main objects of the Charity provided always that no part of the capital or income of the Charity may be distributed to any person by way of profit or dividend.
7. To advance the Christian faith in any part of the world
8. To assist in the relief of poverty in any part of the world
9. To provide assistance to other bodies involved in charitable works having main objects similar to those of the Charity.

Public Benefit

The Directors consider that the activities and achievements of the charity illustrate that the aims of the charity are carried out for the public benefit. The Directors confirm that they have taken into account the best practice guidance on public benefit when deciding what activities, the charity undertakes.

REVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR

Review of Activities

Applications were received from the African Province, the Latin America Region, the Transition Support Team and Edmund Rice Development Ltd. The Trustees reviewed all applications and approved the payment of funds to the four applicants. Details of the four entities that received funding and their activities are discussed in this section.

The Christian Brothers, African Province

The Charity provided £924,778 to the Christian Brothers African Province during 2017.

The mission of the Christian Brothers in Africa continues to be acting as effective agents in the liberation of oppressed and marginalised people from poverty, injustice, ignorance, and the effects of sickness, especially HIV/AIDS. To do this we collaborate closely with the poor in the ministries of faith-based education and community development. We prioritise the care of people, the transformation of unjust structures and care for the whole of creation and endeavour to achieve these by advocacy, education and community partnership.

To achieve these aims, the Africa Province of the Christian Brothers seeks the financial support from external sources to supplement the internal contributions from some of the ministries in which the brothers have participated and continue to provide inspiration from their following of Edmund Rice. The Edmund Rice Bicentennial Trust Ltd (i.e. ERBT) is a significant external source, also working under the inspiration of Edmund Rice.

The funding from ERBT combined with internal income and donations was used in three principal directions:

- to support directly 168 Brothers and postulants involved in developing community while undertaking various ministry engagements including training through initial and ongoing formation, College and University programmes and ongoing formation opportunities
- to support the administration of the Province continent-wide and its three Districts in the following countries: South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe (of South Central District), Kenya, Tanzania and South Sudan (of the East Africa District) and Ghana, Liberia and Sierra Leone (of the West Africa District).
- to cooperate with our various co-workers and local communities in ministering with the oppressed and marginalised to address their situation and thus work for transformation in their personal lives and the lives of their communities.

The funding enabled the Christian Brothers and their co-workers to live in and near their ministries thus resulting in involvement directly or indirectly with tens of thousands beneficiaries.

For 2017, the Africa Province of the Christian Brothers consisted of 154 members - there were 7 novices, 66 annually professed brothers, 45 finally professed African brothers, 27 finally professed expatriate brothers and 9 brothers who were members of other provinces. In addition to the brothers, there were 14 young men in the postulancy programmes. The brothers were principally working in active ministries (63.63%) with others in administration (10.39%), others pastorally involved in training and preparation of young men for religious life and ministry (7.14%), others in full time studies (7.14%) with the remainder in retirement (7.14%) or novitiate (4.55%).

In 2017, the Christian Brothers and their co-workers were involved in a variety of ministries and community engagements including the following:

- Pastoral care of all the Brothers in the Province and thus the related administration as well as administration of personnel and finances across the Province
- Encouraging and providing opportunities for the Brothers to participate in life-long formation thus enabling personal development of each brother in areas of interest, skill and activism in the service of others
- Seeking, preparing and training young men who are interested in becoming Christian Brothers
- Administration and teaching and learning programmes in primary, secondary and vocational schools that provide educational opportunities for children, both girls and boys, with a significant number of the children from disadvantaged backgrounds

REVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR (continued)

- Teaching in the informal education sector, running homework classes, running centres that teach skills to those who have failed in the formal education sector and by so doing assist them to increase their chance of obtaining employment.
- Working with handicapped children to assist them in becoming confident in their abilities to participate in fulfilling relationships and roles
- Awareness-raising on significant local and global issues and the training and support of communities in the use of advocacy
- Direct involvement with local community development projects in supporting the local communities to accept their role and participation in such projects
- Full time assistance to people stigmatised by, and suffering from, HIV/Aids, some through school involvement and support in accessing treatment, medication and presence within a supportive community. There were also outreach programmes educating people on HIV/Aids prevention.
- Being directly and actively involved in distributing ongoing practical assistance to victims and/or families, particularly those orphaned, as a direct consequence of the Ebola emergency.
- Encouraging participation in formation in Edmund Rice thinking and acting which is then extended into practices such as visits to orphanages, hospitals and prisons by young people and our co-workers
- Encouraging young adults in their ability to support other young people through such activities as the organization and management of Edmund Rice Camps.

Latin America Region

The Latin American Region received £50,257 funding during 2017.

The Brothers are dispersed across five countries (Peru, Bolivia, Uruguay, Argentina and Paraguay), and the donation received was used for the cost of maintaining two ministry sites, training and education. The support received has allowed people living in vulnerable situations, to continue studying and working.

As noted, an important aspect of our life as a Region is encouraging young men to consider joining the Congregation and then support them in acquiring a solid formation and professional training. This involves costs in terms of living expenses, studies and gatherings of the young men. They receive an excellent religious formation in an inter-Congregational setting and all of these men are being professionally trained so that they can become competent teachers, psychologists and youth workers in the future. This will enable them to minister to those in need. It is also Region policy to encourage professed men to take part in ongoing formation.

The main ministries are education, formal or informal with youth groups and working with students in the schools tutoring those less fortunate.

In Peru, the formal education ministries are the Fe y Alegría School, Canto Grande, Lima and the Mundo Mejor School, Chimbote.

The Fe y Alegría school forms part of an international network of schools providing quality tuition-free education to the excluded masses of Latin America. In Peru alone, over 35 congregations form part of the network Fe y Alegria. Each school is a collaborative effort between the Peruvian government, parents and the congregation in charge. In our school we serve to an average of 1,400 students in two shifts – secondary in the morning and primary in the afternoon. During the last three years, various groups from North America, Christian Brothers Schools from different parts of the world, and Misesan Cara Aid supported programs in the school.

Some of the initiatives aimed at providing a well-run school attentive to including children with special needs are:

- “Good Taste” Program that provides nutritious lunches to students diagnosed with malnutrition or latch-key children.
- “Sexual and Reproductive Health” a programme focused on sexual education aimed at teenagers.
- “Green Hill” Program where parents, teachers and students from an urban environment participate in ecological activities.
- Students at Risk, psychological support program focused on students with learning or discipline problems.
- Academic reinforcement for students struggling in Math or Communication.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

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REVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR (continued)

The Mundo Mejor is a private school which is financially independent. The Brothers earn salaries from the school which largely support the living costs of the community.

The Latin American Province supports a variety of ministries carried out by associates in the Brothers' house in the town of Monsefu (12 hour ride north of Lima). A Brother visits one weekend a month and accompanies a dedicated group of laypeople who continue several small ministries among very poor people. The various Edmund Rice Associate groups in Peru are coordinated from Chimbote as are the Regional accounts. Furthermore, there is a month-long summer program where brothers, students and teachers from both schools in Peru carry out tutoring programs in marginalized rural areas around Monsefu.

Brother Manolo Centre, located in Cochabamba, Bolivia, provides academic support, career orientation, workshops in parenting skills and sports and cultural activities to child and youth labourers who also study.

Edmund Rice Development

Edmund Rice Bicentennial Trust Ltd is connected to, but does not control, an Irish Charity, Edmund Rice Development Limited (ERD) is a development agency dedicated to the liberation of people and communities from poverty and injustice. ERD's core purpose is to support the sustainability of Edmund Rice Mission by sourcing funding, building donor engagement and working with our partners in mission to improve development capacity and maximise impact. ERD is fully committed to transparency and accountability, and to an efficient, effective operation that impacts positively on the lives of people made poor. In 2017, the charity donated £277,741 (€381,000) in support of ERD's core operations.

Deeply aware of the levels of poverty, vulnerability and exclusion in our world, Edmund Rice Development responds to the lack of:

- awareness of human and environmental rights
- consistent access to basic needs
- access to quality primary and secondary education
- opportunities for livelihoods, employment and entrepreneurship
- access to quality community healthcare
- opportunities for people with disabilities
- protection and respect for 'the earth our home' (Laudato Si)

by supporting Edmund Rice Mission in the three areas of Community Development, Education and Advocacy.

€358,510 of funding from agencies, trusts and foundations was secured by ERD in 2017. In addition, a further €207,497, in multi-annual funding was approved in 2017. €414,763 was allocated to 27 Edmund Rice Mission projects and programmes in 9 countries across Africa, Latin America and India.

ERD collaborated with an Edmund Rice Mission Capacity Assessment and Response Plan project was undertaken by the Congregation Leadership Group in 2017.

ERD is fully committed to full accountability and transparency and to maintaining an effective and efficient organisation and continues to be fully compliant with all regulatory, funding and best practice policies, codes and systems

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

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REVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR (continued)

Mission Sustainability Working Party

The Charity provided £42,142 to the Mission Sustainability Working Party during 2017.

The Mission Sustainability Working Party was established to conduct a Congregation-wide Capacity Assessment for all development projects in Edmund Rice Mission. The project also required the establishment and implementation of a plan for training and capacity building at all levels of project management from field managers through to owners and governors of projects.

The principal long-term goal of this project aimed to benefit the communities in and people with whom our development projects, as defined in the Mission Strategic Development Framework, engage by having a greater skilled and capable management and organisation effectiveness in the service we provide and share with the community co-workers. Ultimately this Capacity Assessment and Response Plan project would ensure that Edmund Rice Mission Development Projects are compliant in all best practice International Development principles and protocols.

In order to achieve that long-term impact, the MSWP initiated a First Phase in order to undertake Comprehensive Global and Local Capacity Assessments across ER Mission and to formulate and initiate a Response Plan to address the capacity gaps identified by the Assessments.

As at December 2017 both components have been successfully completed. The Assessments have been finalised, documented and analysed. A Strategic Response Plan for 2018-2020 has been formulated, approved by the Congregation Leadership Team and initiated with the Mission Capacity Support Team and with all local Leadership teams across the Congregation.

PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

The Charity intends to manage its existing assets as efficiently as possible in order to generate the income necessary to achieve the charity aims and to continue to give support to future projects. The Charity plans to continue to provide support to the Edmund Rice mission in the Developing World. The Charity uses income from its investment portfolio to make grants and donations in support of the above projects.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

During the year, the charity received income of £859,594, consisting of donations totalling £59,860 and investment income of £799,734. Expenditure totalled £1,442,757 consisting of charitable activities of £1,320,483 and costs associated with generating funds and supporting the charity of £122,274. Net expenditure for the year totalled £548,550. At 31 December 2017, after taking account of investment gains and losses, the charity had funds of £28,704,899 (2016: £29,253,449) which, apart from restricted reserves of £98,764 were unrestricted.

Reserves policy

The charity's financial reserves generate the level of income required to meet its target for donations and cost of raising funds of £1,500,000. In 2017 charity expenditure totalled £1,320,483. At 31 December 2017 the Charity had total funds of £28,704,899. Of these funds £98,764 was in restricted funds and £2,806,135 was in unrestricted funds. Of these unrestricted funds, £27,757,353 is represented by investments.

The directors of the charity regularly review the amount of funds that the charity requires to ensure they are adequate to fulfil the charity's continuing obligations.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing Document

Edmund Rice Bicentennial Trust Ltd is a Charity limited by guarantee and not having share capital. The Charity number is 4229228. The Charity is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association as amended by special resolution dated 7 June 2012. The Charity is a registered charity with the UK Charity Commissioner under charitable number 109858.

Recruitment and Training of Directors

In accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association, the Directors are appointed by the members of the Charity. The directors shall be not less than 5 and shall never be more than 12 in number.

The Directors during the year, who are also the Trustees of the Charity, are shown on page one.

The Directors are chosen on the basis of their willingness to serve, ability, governance, experience and support of the ethos, mission and philosophy of the Charity. The Directors are well informed about the Mission, governing document and history of the charity. The directors are encouraged to attend appropriate external training courses and events to facilitate the undertaking of their role.

Organisational Structure

The Directors are responsible for the policies, activities and assets of the Charity. The affairs of the Charity are managed by the Board of Directors who are accountable to the Members. The Board of Directors meet regularly to review all aspects of the Charity's activities. When necessary, they seek advice from the Charity's professional advisors.

Risk Management

The Directors have considered the risks that are material to the Charity and have ensured that there are suitable procedures in place to mitigate these. The Directors believe that by monitoring reserve levels, by ensuring the existence of controls over key financial systems, by taking regular professional advice, they have established routinely effective systems and procedures to mitigate those risks.

The principal risks affecting the charity and the procedures in place to mitigate these risks are:

Governance and management: considers the efficiency of the Trustee body. Risks considered include a lack of planning, a Trustee body which lacked sufficient skills or appropriate decision making procedures. Such risks could include a lack of training / induction or poor stewardship of resources – human, financial and property. The Trustees have addressed these risks by operating both annual and longer term plans, holding regular Trustee meetings which include the monitoring of actual performance against these plans, having meaningful induction / handover for incoming Trustees, attending Trustee training days, seeking third party advice as required, etc.

Financial: considers the financial capacity of the Charity and ensuring it has the available financial resources to continue to carry out its activities both now and in the years ahead. This incorporates the management of the operating (day-to-day) position, capital or building requirements and the returns earned on the Charity's investment portfolios. These risks are mitigated in a variety of ways, including budgeting, the setting of an investment strategy / investment objectives that consider diversity, prudence and liquidity criteria, regular financial and investment reporting against budget, cash-flow planning, and the appointment of Stewardship advisors where necessary.

Investment policy

The Charity's financial reserves have been placed in long term investments, the purpose of which is to provide investment income to promote the charitable objectives of the charity and to provide capital growth over the long term. A conservative investment strategy has been adopted. Investment income and gains will be used in future to fund donations to further the charitable objectives of the charity. These funds have an ethical investment screen: they exclude companies that contravene certain ethical criteria and in most cases favour stocks that provide positive benefits to the

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT (continued)

community. These funds are likely to hold investments that are compatible with the Charity's ethos. In this regard, the investment portfolio is screened according to the following criteria:

- Damage to the environment
- Infringement of human rights
- Manufacture of armaments and supplies to the military
- Manufacture of anti-life products
- Irresponsible marketing of breast milk substitutes
- Stem cell research
- Cosmetics testing on animals
- Gambling
- Pornography
- Tobacco

At 31 December 2017, £27,757,353 was held in investment funds. These funds are managed by Setanta Asset Management, Pioneer Global Investments Ltd, Unigestion SA and State Street Global Advisors. In addition funds totalling £962,028 were held on investment deposit. The Directors are satisfied with the investment performance in the year.

STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES

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

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). Under Company law the directors 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 Company and of the profit or loss of the Company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK 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 Company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Company's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the 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 Company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

So far as each of the directors is aware at the time the report is approved:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the Company's auditors are unaware; and
- the directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

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DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

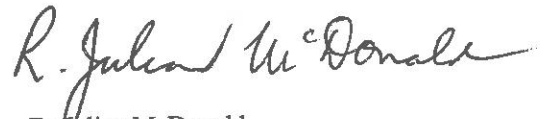
AUDITORS

A resolution to appoint haysmacintyre as auditors will be put to the members at the Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the directors on 4th May 2018.



Br George Gordon
Director



Br Julian McDonald
Director

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE
MEMBERS OF EDMUND RICE BICENTENNIAL TRUST LIMITED**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Edmund Rice Bicentennial Trust Limited for the year ended 31 December 2017 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, Balance Sheet, Statement of cash Flows 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).

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 the charitable company's net movement in funds, including the income and expenditure, 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 Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Use of report

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.

Responsibilities of Directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Directors' responsibilities statement the Directors (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 Directors 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 Directors 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 Directors either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

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

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.

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 Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is not appropriate; or
- the Directors 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.

Other information

The Directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Directors' Report. 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.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006

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

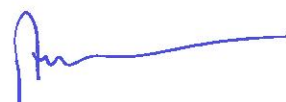
- the information given in the directors' report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the directors' report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

In the 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.

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 by the charitable company, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Directors' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or
- the Directors were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies' regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the directors' report and from the requirement to prepare a strategic report.



Adam Halsey
(Senior Statutory Auditor)
For and on behalf of Haysmacintyre,
Statutory Auditors

10 Queen Street Place
London
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Date: 4 May 2018

EDMUND RICE BICENTENNIAL TRUST LIMITED

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Notes	Restricted 2017 £	Unrestricted 2017 £	Total 2017 £	Total 2016 £
Income and endowments from:					
Donations		58,613	1,247	59,860	171,983
Investments		-	799,734	799,734	469,391
Total		<u>58,613</u>	<u>800,981</u>	<u>859,594</u>	<u>641,374</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds	3	-	122,274	122,274	98,555
Charitable activities	3	108,373	1,212,110	1,320,483	1,356,342
Total:		<u>108,373</u>	<u>1,334,384</u>	<u>1,442,757</u>	<u>1,461,384</u>
Net (expenditure) before gains on investments		(49,760)	(533,403)	(583,163)	(820,010)
Net gains on investments		-	34,613	34,613	4,738,659
Net (expenditure)/ income		(49,760)	(498,790)	(548,550)	3,918,649
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	-
Net movements in funds		<u>(49,760)</u>	<u>(498,790)</u>	<u>(548,550)</u>	<u>3,918,649</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Balance brought forward		<u>148,524</u>	<u>29,104,925</u>	<u>29,253,449</u>	<u>25,334,800</u>
Balance carried forward		<u>£98,764</u>	<u>£28,606,135</u>	<u>£28,704,899</u>	<u>£29,253,449</u>

All activities are continuing. There are no recognised gains or losses than as disclosed above.

The Statement of Financial Activities incorporates an income and expenditure account.

The notes on pages 15 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Notes		2017		2016
		£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS					
Investments	5		27,757,353		27,644,283
Investment deposits	5		962,028		1,594,911
			<u>28,719,381</u>		<u>29,239,194</u>
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	6	-	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand		33,912		44,316	
		<u>33,912</u>		<u>44,316</u>	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year					
Accruals	7	(48,394)		(30,061)	
		<u>(48,394)</u>		<u>(30,061)</u>	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			(14,482)		14,255
			<u>(14,482)</u>		<u>14,255</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			<u>28,704,899</u>		<u>29,253,449</u>
Represented by:					
Restricted Funds			98,764		148,524
Unrestricted Funds	8		28,606,135		29,104,925
			<u>£28,704,899</u>		<u>£29,253,449</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 4 May 2018 and were signed below on its behalf by:



Br George Gordon
Director



Br Julian McDonald
Director

The notes on pages 15 to 19 form part of these financial statements.

EDMUND RICE BICENTENNIAL TRUST LIMITED
STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	2017	2016
Cash Flows from operating activities:		
	£	£
Net movement in funds	(548,550)	3,918,649
Investment income	(799,734)	(469,391)
Decrease in debtors	-	99,306
Increase/ creditors	18,333	7,276
Gain/ on investments	(34,613)	(3,979,814)
	<u>(1,364,564)</u>	<u>(423,974)</u>
Cash Flows from investing activities		
Dividends and interest from investments	799,734	469,391
Purchase of investments	(984,893)	(7,360,381)
Proceeds of sale of investments	<u>906,436</u>	<u>4,840,731</u>
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities	<u>721,277</u>	<u>(2,050,259)</u>
Changes in cash and cash equivalents in the year	<u>(643,287)</u>	<u>(2,474,233)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 1 January 2017	<u>1,639,227</u>	<u>4,113,460</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 December 2017	<u>£995,940</u>	<u>£1,639,227</u>

ANALYSIS OF CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	At 1 January 2017	Cashflow	Exchange Movements	At 31 December 2017
	£	£	£	£
Investment deposits	1,594,911	(522,887)	(109,996)	962,028
Cash at Bank	<u>44,316</u>	<u>(10,404)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,912</u>
	<u>£1,639,227</u>	<u>(£533,291)</u>	<u>(£109,996)</u>	<u>£995,940</u>

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

(a) Basis of accounting

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 to the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Edmund Rice Bicentennial Trust Limited meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s).

(b) Preparation of the accounts on a going concern basis

Having considered future budgets and cash flows, the trustees confirm that they have no material uncertainties about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern for the foreseeable future. With respect to the next reporting period, the most significant areas of uncertainty that affect the carrying value of assets held by the charity are the level of investment return and the performance of investment markets.

(c) Income recognition

This comprises donations and investment income. All income is recognised once the charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income can be measured reliably.

Donations are recognised when the Charity has been notified in writing of both the amount and settlement date. In the event that a donation is subject to conditions that require a level of performance before the charity is entitled to the funds, the income is deferred and not recognised until those conditions are fully met, or the fulfilment of those conditions is wholly within the control of the charity and it is probable that those conditions will be fulfilled in the reporting period.

Investment income is credited to income when it is receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the bank. Rental income is recognised when the charity is entitled to the income. Dividends are recognised once the dividend has been declared and notification has been received of the dividend due.

(d) Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of obligation can be measured reliably.

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred, inclusive of VAT, which cannot be recovered.

Charitable activities comprise mainly of donations given and support costs.

Support costs have been allocated to charitable activities. Governance activities comprise organisational administration and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements. Costs include direct costs of external audit, legal fees and other professional advice.

(e) Foreign Currency

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the end of the financial year. Transactions in foreign currencies are converted into sterling at the rate of exchange ruling on the date of the transactions. All profits and losses on exchange are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities.

(f) Significant judgments and sources estimation uncertainty

In the view of the trustees in applying the accounting policies adopted, no judgements were required that have a significant effect on the amounts recognised in the financial statements nor do any estimates or assumptions made carry a significant risk of material adjustment in the next financial year.

(g) Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument. They are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently valued at their fair value at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

(h) Investment gains and losses

All gains and losses are taken to the Statement of Financial Activities as they arise. Realised gains and losses on investments are calculated as the difference between sales proceeds and opening market value (purchase date if later). Unrealised gains and losses are calculated as the difference between the market value at the year end and the opening market value (or purchased date if later).

(i) Funds

The General funds of the Charity (both assets and revenue) comprise unrestricted income which the Trustee is free to use in accordance with the charitable objects.

Restricted funds are donations which the donor has specified are to be solely used for particular areas of the charity's work or specific projects undertaken by the charity.

(j) Creditors and provisions

Creditors and provisions are recognised where the Charity has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

(k) Financial instruments

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

(l) Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes bank accounts, cash and short term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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2. INCOME

During the year, the charity received donations from the Congregation of Christian Brothers province in the Oceania, United States of America, Ireland, the UK and other sources of £59,860 (2016: £171,983). Investment income comprises income from investments of £799,734 (2016: £469,391).

3. EXPENDITURE

	2017 £	2016 £
Raising funds		
Investment advisory fees	80,685	76,652
Advisory services	6,676	21,903
Investment Managers Fees	34,913	
	<u>122,274</u>	<u>98,555</u>
Charitable activities		
Donations	1,314,621	1,354,107
Support costs	522	2,242
Governance costs – auditors' remuneration	5,340	5,160
	<u>1,320,483</u>	<u>1,362,829</u>
	<u>£1,442,757</u>	<u>£1,461,384</u>

4. STAFF COSTS

During the year, no staff were employed by the charity (2017: Nil). The charity's key management personnel are its directors who received no remuneration during the year.

5. NET GAINS/(LOSSES) ON INVESTMENTS

	2017 £	2016 £
Realised & unrealised gains	1,898,440	3,979,813
Exchange (losses)/gains on investments	<u>(1,863,827)</u>	<u>758,846</u>
	<u>£34,613</u>	<u>£4,738,659</u>

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6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS	2017 £	2016 £
Cost and Market Value		
Market value at 1 January	27,644,283	21,144,820
Additions during the year	984,893	7,360,381
Disposal proceeds	(906,436)	(4,840,731)
	<u>27,722,740</u>	<u>23,664,470</u>
Realised & unrealised gains	<u>34,613</u>	<u>3,979,813</u>
Market value at 31 December	<u>£27,757,353</u>	<u>£27,644,283</u>
Historic cost at 31 December	<u>£20,072,596</u>	<u>£20,072,596</u>
		Percentage of Funds %
The investments consist of the following:	£	
Funds held by Nominee, L&P Alternatives Ltd	13,372,827	48.18%
Pioneer Absolute Return	176,899	0.64%
Setanta Ethical Global Equity Fund	6,816,327	24.56%
Unigestion SRI Global Equity Fund	6,315,548	22.75%
SSGA Property Fund	<u>1,075,752</u>	<u>3.88%</u>
	<u>£27,757,353</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
7. DEBTORS	2017 £	2016 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
8. CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	2017 £	2016 £
Accruals and deferred income	<u>£48,394</u>	<u>£30,061</u>

9. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	As at 1 January 2017 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers £	At 31 December 2017 £
Latin American projects	47,844	50,257	(92,399)	-	5,702
African projects	48,864	8,356	(15,974)	-	41,246
Capital expenditure fund	51,816	-	-	-	51,816
	<u>£148,524</u>	<u>£58,613</u>	<u>(£108,373)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>£98,764</u>

The restricted funds represent donations for a variety of specific projects in the above geographic regions. The transfers consist of expenditure incurred on similar projects through the unrestricted funds.

10. UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

	2017 £
Balance brought forward	29,104,925
Net expenditure	(533,403)
Unrealised gain on investment assets	1,898,440
Unrealised loss on foreign currency investments	(1,863,827)
	<u>£28,606,135</u>

11. NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Investments £	Net current Assets £	Total £
Restricted Funds	-	98,764	98,764
Unrestricted Funds	28,719,381	(113,246)	28,606,135
	<u>£28,719,381</u>	<u>(£14,482)</u>	<u>£28,704,899</u>

12. LIMITED LIABILITY

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital. Every member of the company, of whom there are currently five, guarantees to contribute a maximum of £1 on winding up.

13. TAXATION

The company is a registered charity and is not subject to corporation tax or income tax on its charitable activities.

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14. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The nature of the charity, some of whose directors are Christian Brothers, is that it is funded by various Christian Brothers provinces and donations are made to various Christian Brothers initiatives in other parts of the world.

15. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Total
2017
£

Total
2016
£

Financial assets measured by fair value

£28,719,381

£29,239,193

16. FINANCIAL INFORMATION 2016

Restricted
£

Unrestricted
£

Total
2016
£

Income and endowments from:

Donations

140,164

31,819

171,983

Investments

469,391

469,391

Total income:

140,164

501,210

641,374

Expenditure on:

Raising funds

-

98,555

98,555

Charitable activities

131,089

1,231,740

1,362,829

Total expenditure

131,089

1,330,295

1,461,384

Net movement in funds before gains and losses

9,075

(829,085)

(820,010)

Net gains / (losses) on investments

-

4,738,659

4,738,659

Net income / (expenditure)

9,075

3,909,574

3,918,649

Transfers between funds

15,687

(15,687)

-

Net movements in funds

24,762

3,893,887

3,918,649

Reconciliation of funds:

Balance brought forward

123,762

25,211,038

25,334,800

Balance carried forward

£148,524

£29,104,925

£29,253,449