

**The Connect Ministry Trust (Registered Charity Number 1173414)  
Trustees Annual Report for the period 1 January 2018 to 31  
December 2018.**

**The Past Year – Operational Review**

The Trustees are pleased to present their report for the year ended 31 December 2018 the first full year of the Charity's existence and operation, having been registered in June 2017.

It has been a year of significant development with work being carried out to directly fulfil and achieve the charity's charitable purposes whilst also laying the foundations for the charity's ongoing fulfilment of those objectives. As a reminder these objectives are to generally advance the Christian Faith and enable the Church and other Christian organisations to be more effective in the communities within which they work and operate. In sharing Gods love in word and action in a way that has an impact and makes a positive difference to communities and individuals. The charity seeks to do this by providing effective training in communication skills including speaking and preaching. The aim is to encourage Christian communities and organisations, in the UK and overseas, to become increasingly effective in meeting the needs of their communities and enriching life for all. This includes but is not limited to:

- The provision of public well being
- The provision of social care within communities
- The relief of poverty
- The advancing of education

The achievement of the above objectives may in addition to the teaching and training include the provision of small one off grants consistent with fulfilling the charity's objectives.

Among the specific Activities undertaken in the period to 31 December 2018 are:

- A teaching and scoping trip to Tanzania by our Key Worker, Reverend Simon Moore. In Tanzania Simon built on previous personal links in Mwanza speaking at a short conference with 30 pastors in attendance (some who had travelled considerable distances to attend).

*"Pastor Simon has been a blessing to Tanzanian Pastors, his passion and commitment has impacted many lives in our country. We are thankful for his work in equipping and helping train our people" Secretary of the Baptist Federation of Tanzania.*

In addition the trip to Tanzania provided an opportunity to start scoping work for a major teaching conference programme. This programme is being structured alongside a partner charity Pastor Training International (which aims to strengthen the Christian church in the poorest countries of the world through providing training). The programme which was agreed and is now active (having started in June 2019) is a five year programme with conferences being run each year, for a week in each of two Tanzanian locations - Mwanza and Dodoma. This programme is designed to teach and train Tanzanian pastors and ministers enabling them and their congregations to work more effectively in serving their communities and advancing the Christian Faith.

- The same visit to Africa provided Simon with an opportunity for a teaching trip to Zimbabwe with the principle of the Bible Training Institute, this built on the Simon's valuable past experience of working in Zimbabwe. This included the attendance of 80 church leaders at a conference in Bulawayo. There were also opportunities for teaching at a local Church on Sunday and a further conference of 45 pastors the following week over three days. These conferences were extremely well received and provided the opportunity to equip South African Church leaders in their ministry to their congregations and communities.

*"Simon's experience played a major role with providing simple leadership training and training in simple communication of God's word. The pastors who benefitted are now asking "when will Simon come back" !" Principal of the Bulawayo Bible Institute.*

- Closer to home Simon has been actively engaged in providing training and teaching through the Liverpool Diocese and also the All Saints Ministry Training Course (a part time prospective clergy training course for five Northern Diocese). This has been an enormous privilege for the Charity with the opportunity to invest in those training for ministry at an early stage of their journey and also those engaged in existing ministries to some of the poorest communities in the North of England.
- Work with Wycliffe Bible translators. There has been various work with the Wycliffe Bible translators over the year. This has included

Simon running and facilitating speaker training days and effectiveness workshops. Wycliffe aim to enable everyone to hear God speak to them as they engage with the Bible in their own language. Our work with this organisation is very exciting given the contribution it makes to an organisation which is making the Bible available, with its power to transform lives, in some of the world's poorest communities.

The Trustees are very pleased to have had the Reverend Simon Moore engaged as the Key Worker over the last year. Simon's wealth of experience in the area of ministry and teaching communication and preaching skills, both in the UK and overseas, has been invaluable in enabling the Charity to start fulfilling its objectives. Simon's specific experience of Africa, where the charity has its overseas focus, and previous work there (including living in Kenya and Zimbabwe for several years) has been very valuable in developing the contacts there and structuring the future teaching and training programmes in Tanzania, alongside Pastor Training International.

In summary the Trustees, who have met on a regular basis to review the Charity's performance and finances, consider it has been a strong first year of work and engagement and are excited about the year ahead as the Charity continues to focus on the fulfilment of its objectives.

## **Financial Review**

The Receipts and Payments account for the year to 31 December 2018 is attached to this report and was approved by the Trustees at their meeting on 26 October 2019.

During the year one off and ongoing donations amounted to £22k with expenses of £8.5k this left a balance at the bank of £13.5k at the end the 2018. All of these funds were unrestricted and available for the fulfilment of the Charity's general purposes.

The Trustees are grateful for the gifts received that have supported the delivery of the Charity's objectives. The funds have been put to effective use in serving some of the poorest communities in the UK and in Africa through enabling Christians in those communities to be more aware of the role they have to play in recognising and responding to the needs of



others and generally advancing the Christian Faith in word and through action.

Over the coming years it is hoped that the funding base will be diversified but the level of reserves held provides adequate funding for the planned activity over the next two to years.

### **Looking Forward**

One of the main objectives of the Charity over the next two years is to diversify the funding base, raising the Charity's profile and increasing the continuing supporter base.

The work in Africa and specifically Tanzania is a major focus and through the relationship with Pastor Training International our key worker, Reverence Simon Moore, will be involved in a five yearly programme (2019-2023) of two week conferences. This is an exciting long term commitment on the part of the Charity and will provide for the encouragement of local ministers and their communities in fulfilling the objectives.

The Trustees will meet on a quarterly basis with the Key Worker to review performance, and set out and agree objectives and specific training plans.

### **The Trustees**

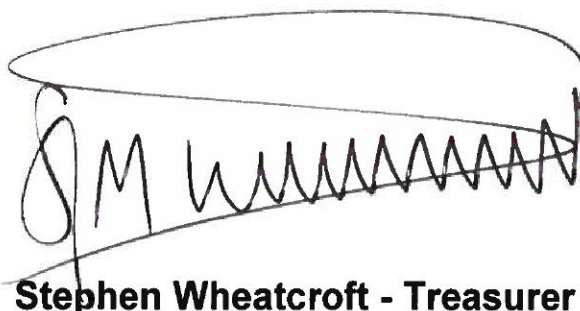
The following individuals served as Trustees during the period under consideration:

John Barron, Chairman  
Stephen Wheatcroft, Treasurer  
Richard Garnett, Trustee

Dated 26th October 2019



**John Barron – Chairman**



**Stephen Wheatcroft - Treasurer**



# Receipts and Payments Accounts

Charity name CONNECT MINISTRY TRUST

Charity number (if any) 1173414

For the period from (start date) 01/01/18

to (end date) 31/12/18

## Section A

## Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
REGULAR DONATIONS	510			510	N/A
ONE-OFF GIFTS	21500			21500	N/A
Sub total	22010			22010	N/A
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, etc</b>	—			—	N/A
Total receipts	22010			22010	N/A
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
KEY WORKER STAFF PAYMENTS	6925			6925	N/A
CONFERENCE EXPENSES	1194			1194	N/A
GRANTS AWARDED	382			382	N/A
BANK FEES	40			40	N/A
Sub total	8541			8541	N/A
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, etc</b>	—			—	N/A
Total payments	8541			8541	N/A
Net of receipts/(payments)	13469			13469	N/A
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	—			—	—
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	13469			13469	N/A
Cash funds this year end	13469			13469	N/A

## Section B

## Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

## B1 Cash funds

Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
BANK BALANCE	13469		
Total cash funds (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	13469		

## B2 Other monetary assets

Details	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £
N/A			

## B3 Investment assets

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
N/A			

## B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use

Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
N/A			

## B5 Liabilities

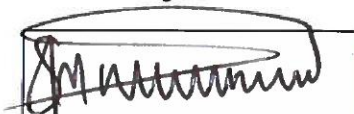
Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
N/A			

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf  
of all the trustees

Signature

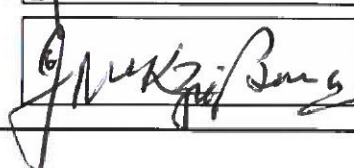
Print name

Date of approval



STEPHEN WHEATCROFT

14/10/19



JOHN BARRON

26/10/19