

Anglican-Lutheran Society AGM 2019

CO-MODERATORS' REPORT FOR 2018

Our Society has been part of the wider Ecumenical Movement for more than 30 years. We aim to encourage prayer for the unity of the Church, especially between Anglicans and Lutherans; to develop opportunities for common worship, study, friendship and witness; and to promote a wider knowledge of the Anglican and Lutheran traditions and contemporary developments affecting them.

We want to build bridges, he said, and we have developed a very good network of relationships despite our small size. We have members around the world. We have international links with the LWF, CEC and with individuals through our National Coordinators. Individual members also network locally. We hold local and regional events, though in 2018 there were not so many as in 2017 when the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation was being celebrated. We promote wider interest through *The Window*, the website and through Social Media, and we thank Dick Lewis for his work as *Window* editor and manager of the website. We encourage members to share *The Window* with other people and to try to encourage them to join the Society.

The Executive Committee now has a "Workplan" which enables them to focus their work and strategic planning and use our resources wisely, and we are grateful to Sally Barnes for keeping that up-to-date. We first focus on mission and the ecumenical scene, second provide material that is informative and educational, and third disseminate publicity in a variety of languages and fourth recruit and involve new members.

We have individual and Group Members, and Student Members. Last year we created a new initiative, the Essay Competition, launched in 2018 offering a prize to a student researching an ecumenical topic involving Anglicans and/or Lutherans. This is an important way of putting the Society on the map, and we hope it will encourage younger people and students to join us.

We are grateful to the Presidents, the Trustees and the Officers, Dick Lewis our Secretary, Helen Harding the Membership Secretary and Lisbeth Pedersen our Treasurer.

It has been a joy to work together as Co-moderators for another year. The Conference took place in Durham between 24th and 29th August 2018. It focused on the presence of Christ under the heading 'Christ is Alive! Where do we Find Him?' We found him in the cosmos, in scripture and the liturgy, in music, in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, in deeds of love, in crumbs falling from the table, in Cities of Sanctuary, in our formal Dinner and in our final worship when Fr Phillip Swingler, our Roman Catholic Observer, was the preacher. It was a very good experience, and you can read all about it in the October "Window".

Conferences are very important in our Society's life. They attract an international range of people who create networks. The next conference will be in Rome from 19th-23rd October 2020. The theme will be "Finding Forgiveness" and we shall need to limit numbers to 42, so if you want to come get in quickly when the brochure is released. After that we plan to meet in Trondheim, Norway, from 26th-30th July 2022, when the theme will focus on "Hope".

We want to set our Bi-Lateral focus into a wider ecumenical setting. Anglicans and Lutherans cannot properly relate to one another without acknowledging the pre-Reformation Christian story which is part of the heritage of both our denominations. There is much happening between Roman Catholics and Lutherans and Roman Catholics and Anglicans, for example. Being in St George's Roman Catholic Cathedral for our AGM is significant, and it was wonderful to meet in Durham in the presence of all the Northern Saints. Locality shapes our conversation and we look forward to Rome!

Bishop Michael Ipgrave (Anglican Moderator)

Dr Jaakko Rusama (Lutheran Moderator)

ANGLICAN-LUTHERAN SOCIETY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY 2018

Receipts	1.1.-31.12.2018	Budget 2018	1.1.-31.12.2017
Membership fees	£ 2,870	£ 3,400	£ 3,199
Gift Aid repayment	£ 502	£ 500	Nil
<u>Donations received:</u>			
Donations General Fund	£ 1,580		£ 1,919
Donations Conferences	£ 5		£ 1,000
Donations Bursaries	£ 45		£ 225
AGM Contributions	£ 725	£ 600	£ 930
Durham Conference fees	£ 23,270	£ 20,875	£ 2,899
Refunds made for conference	-£ 630		
Total Receipts	£ 28,367	£ 25,375	£ 10,172

Payments

The Window - Printing	£ 740	£ 650	£ 638
The Window - Postage	£ 542	£ 450	£ 416
The Window - Office Supplies	£ 232	£ 150	£ 138
Admin and Website	£ 421	£ 500	£ 119

Donations given:

General Fund Donations	£ 200	£ -	£ -
Travel expenses	£ 1,549	£ 1,300	£ 1,280
AGM Expenses	£ 865	£ 1,010	£ 978
Event expenses	£ -		£ 1,100
Bank fees	£ 60	£ 100	£ 90
Durham Conference	£ 22,632	£ 22,750	
Conference donations and bursaries granted	£ 2,525		
Total Payments	£ 29,767	£ 26,910	£ 4,759

Receipts-Payments	-£ 1,399	-£ 1,535	£ 5,413
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BANK DEPOSITS 2018
CAF Bank

	1.1.-31.12.2018
Opening Balance 1. January	£ 18,026
Plus Receipts	£ 25,113
Less Payments	-£ 29,935
Closing Balance 31. December	£ 13,204

Paypal

Opening Balance 1. January	£ 460
Plus Receipts	£ 3,884
Less Payments	-£ 462
Closing Balance 31. December	£ 3,881
Funds total (CAF+Paypal) 31.12.2018	£ 17,086

FUNDS 31.12.2018
Restricted Funds

Bursary and conference funds	£ -
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Designated Funds

Conference Account	£ 3,055
Budget Contingency Fund	£ 3,000

Unrestricted funds	£ 11,031
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Funds Total	£ 17,086
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The Anglican Lutheran Society

Registered Charity 1015153

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of The Anglican-Lutheran Society

I report on the accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2018.

As the charity's trustee's you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Name: R. H. Andrews

Relevant professional qualification or body: Member - Institute of Internal Auditors

Address: 4 Linden Lea, Watford, Herts WD25 7DR

Date: 6th February 2019