

**FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST**  
(also known as FACE)

(Registered Charity No: 1178592)

**TRUSTEES' REPORT AND**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**5 APRIL 2019**

**FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2019**

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS**

**OPERATING NAME**

FACE

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

Notre Dame de France RC Church  
5 Leicester Place  
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**GOVERNING INSTRUMENT**

CIO constitution registered 31 May 2018

**CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER**

1178592

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## **FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2019**

The trustees present their report and the accounts of the charity for the period from registration on 31 May 2018 to 5 April 2019.

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

#### **Constitution**

Fellowship and Aid to the Christians of the East (also known as FACE) is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), incorporated under a CIO constitution registered with the Charity Commission on 31 May 2018.

#### **Appointment of Trustees**

The trustees have the power to appoint and remove trustees by resolution.

#### **Management**

The Board of Trustees meets as required to manage the affairs of the charity. The charity so far has no paid employees

### **CHARITABLE OBJECTIVES**

The objects of the charity are:

- to promote Christianity for the public benefit, through support, financial, moral and spiritual, to Christian communities in the Asia Minor, the Middle East and North Africa and in general in places where such communities are experiencing persecution, oppression or discrimination; in particular to support the Eastern Catholic Churches which are in communion with the Bishop of Rome, the Roman Pontiff;
- to provide for the relief of poverty and sickness in Asia Minor, the Middle East and North Africa and surrounding territories by the provision of grants to local organisations, including, but not limited to, hospitals, retirement homes, orphanages and diocesan institutions under the patronage of the Eastern Catholic Churches which are engaged in the provision of humanitarian aid, health care, pastoral care, training and support of the needy or sick.
- to promote knowledge, mutual understanding, tolerance and respect between persons of different faiths in Asia Minor, the Middle East and North Africa and their surrounding territories, by facilitating ecumenical and inter-faith dialogue and by providing advice, practical assistance and grants to religious organisations of the Eastern Catholic Churches which are engaged in dialogue with other faiths;
- to advance the education of the public in the United Kingdom by the provision of literature and events which promote a greater awareness and understanding of the Christian witness of the Eastern Catholic Churches, and which encourage and facilitate cultural exchange and pastoral links between Western Christians and Eastern Christians; and
- to advance education in Asia Minor, the Middle East and North Africa and surrounding territories, by the provision of grants to places of learning, in particular but not exclusively to those under the patronage of the Eastern Catholic Churches.

### **PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on Public Benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities. In particular, the trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

## **FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2019**

##### **ACTIVITIES**

As this is the first year of operation, the focus of the trustees has been to establish the charity and to lay the foundation for future charitable operations. Set out below is a summary of how the charity is expected to operate.

##### **Our Aim**

FACE is a registered charity which, under the jurisdiction of the Charity Commission of England and Wales, and governed by a board of Trustees, supports the Eastern Christians in Asia Minor, the Middle East and North Africa by funding charitable actions in humanitarian aid, education, health and pastoral care, evangelization and inter-faith dialogue. FACE raises its funds in the United Kingdom and carries out its charitable actions through offering grant aid to projects administered by dioceses and local organisations under the patronage of the Eastern Catholic Churches.

##### **Why Support Eastern Christians?**

Driven out of their homes in Iraq and Syria, violated in Egypt, and persecuted and oppressed elsewhere, the survival of Eastern Christians is in peril. They suffer, they endure courageously, and they carry on stoically; for they want to stay in their homelands. Yet, in the gloom of their uprooting and insecurity, and the violence which often surrounds them, the Eastern Christians, who have remained true to their baptism, who are harbingers of peace and goodwill to all men, and who have always prayed for Western Christians, now await our prayers and our support. Thus we, the Christians of the West, are called upon to help them as their brothers and sisters in Christ. The survival of Eastern Christians depends on the support and solidarity of Western Christians.

##### **Who are the Eastern Christians?**

The Eastern Christians - Armenians, Chaldeans, Copts, Malabars, Maronites, Melkites, Greek Catholics, Syriacs, Syro- and Syro-Malankarian Catholics – are direct descendants of the early Christians and trace their roots back to apostolic times.

There are more than 26 million Eastern Christians living in the Middle East and surrounding regions. For Western Christians, they provide a direct link to the Early Church, leading us to the roots of Christianity and showing us, through their tradition and witness, a living faith in Christ. In spite of their precarious status in not being fully-fledged citizens in their own lands, they have found a role as mediators in Arab society and hitherto made an important economic contribution through professional activity as doctors, teachers, businessmen, artists, skilled craftsman and administrators. Where Arab society is divided by rivalry between communities, the Eastern Christians have been traditionally leaven in the dough, guaranteeing peace in a fragile socio-political system. Even more than the many contributions that the Eastern Churches make to Arab society in the areas of education, healthcare and social services, the greatest source of enrichment in the region is the presence of Christians themselves.

##### **Our Vision**

We hope that Eastern Christians may continue to live in their homelands where Christianity was born and first spread; that through their devotion and witness to Christ they continue to be beacons of love and compassion to all in their communities, of all faiths and none; that through their courage, endurance and self-sacrifice they continue to inspire Christians all over the world; and that through their goodwill, tolerance and friendship they bring peace and reconciliation to those troubled lands.

##### **Our Mission**

FACE strives to enable Eastern Christians:

- to remain in their homelands;
- to rebuild their homes and communities,
- to create employment opportunities,
- to secure the maintenance of their churches, schools and hospitals;
- to promote evangelisation and inter-religious dialogue;
- to be peacemakers in their multi-faith communities and a force for good in bridging divisions between the different faiths of the region; and
- to develop pastoral bonds with Western Christians, for the sake of fellowship and unity in Christ, and for peace in the world.

##### **Our Values**

FACE is a Catholic charity which is inspired by Catholic Social Teaching, Scripture and the tradition of the Catholic Church.

## **FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2019**

#### **ACTIVITIES (continued)**

##### **Our Activity**

FACE's principal concern and responsibility, for the foreseeable future, is to support the millions of Christians in the Middle East who are persecuted and driven from their homes and made stateless. FACE strives to protect them, to assist them to return to their homes, to aid the rebuilding of their Christian communities by means of:

- humanitarian aid - through rapid response emergency relief schemes that feed and house the victims of war and persecution;
- healthcare and pastoral support, such as the care of poor and sick people through funding dispensaries, hospitals, institutions for the disabled, retirement homes and sheltered accommodation;
- education - through nurseries, kindergartens, orphanages, primary and secondary schools, professional centres and Catholic universities (open to all faiths and none);
- evangelisation and pastoral support - through the formation of the religious; the training of catechists and lay ministers; the welfare support of priests in need, particularly those for whom no healthcare or elderly care system exists; and
- inter-religious dialogue, in search of peace and reconciliation -through developing relations of goodwill, tolerance and mutual respect with neighbouring communities.

##### **Modus Operandi**

FACE collaborates closely with the Catholic Charity Oeuvre d'Orient which, for more than 160 years, has developed close relations with the Eastern Catholic Churches and supported Eastern Christians through long-term projects in the Middle East which deliver humanitarian aid, education, healthcare and pastoral support.

As a charitable organisation, Oeuvre d'Orient is unique in specialising exclusively in supporting Eastern Christians and has an unrivalled mission of working in close partnership with the patriarchs of the Eastern Catholic Churches and their dioceses. Currently Oeuvre d'Orient manages over 1500 charitable actions through support to 400 Christian communities across 23 countries, including Ethiopia, Egypt, Eritrea, Armenia, Iraq, Syria and Lebanon.

FACE has ready access to Oeuvre d'Orient's networks in Asia Minor, the Middle East and North Africa, particularly its close links with the Patriarchs and Metropolitans and Major Archbishops of the Eastern Catholic Churches. Through this network, FACE delivers grant aid directly to specific projects which have been proposed and vetted by the local Christian communities and which are managed by the local dioceses and religious communities of the Eastern Catholic Churches.

##### **What is the public need?**

The public need in Asia Minor, the Middle East and North Africa is democracy, peace and prosperity, social and economic stability, freedom of speech, religious tolerance and human rights.

##### **Who will benefit from FACE's activities?**

Christians of the Eastern Churches in Asia Minor, the Middle East and North Africa, as well as those of all faiths and none with whom they are in contact and collaboration.

##### **How will they benefit?**

The Christian communities, as well as those of other faiths who are living in proximity, are eligible to receive our humanitarian aid, healthcare and welfare support and education.

##### **What similar services are available?**

In the more ravaged regions, like Iraq and Syria, poverty prevails and healthcare & social support, as well as long-term projects in education and evangelisation, are limited if not non-existent. Thanks to Oeuvre d'Orient's network, FACE has a privileged access to local projects which are not within the reach of other UK Catholic agencies.

##### **What is the unfulfilled need?**

The unfulfilled need in Iraq and Syria is the restoration of peace, reconciliation, and the rebuilding of community life in the towns and villages.

## **FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2019**

##### **ACTIVITIES (continued)**

###### **How does FACE integrate with other providers?**

In order to deliver its grant aid directly to the local organizations under the patronage of the Eastern Churches, FACE collaborates closely with: The Patriarchs, Metropolitans and diocesan bishops of the Eastern Catholic Churches; Oeuvre d'Orient, Paris; the Congregation for Oriental Churches; the Pontifical Council for Inter-Religious Dialogue; and the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development.

###### **Our role in the Catholic Church of England and Wales**

Whilst there are many Catholic charities coming to the aid of Eastern Christians, FACE is the only Catholic charity in Great Britain dedicated exclusively to supporting the Christians of the Eastern Churches which are in communion with the Bishop of Rome – namely, the Eastern Catholic Churches which struggle to survive in the lands where they have always existed, and where Christianity was nurtured and first spread. Moreover, FACE is the only Catholic charity in Great Britain to have access to the wisdom, expertise, network and infrastructure of Oeuvre d'Orient, which for more than 160 years has been supporting the Eastern Christians in the Middle East through its close links to the patriarchs, bishops, religious congregations, local institutions, educational establishments and parishes. As a sister branch of Oeuvre d'Orient, FACE is uniquely placed within the Catholic Church of England and Wales to parishes in Great Britain an opportunity to share in the special relationship that exists between Oeuvre d'Orient and the Eastern Catholic Churches, and thereby to have a direct, efficient and cost-effective way of contributing to the survival of the Christian communities in the Middle East, as well as a means to partake in the process of strengthening pastoral bonds at all levels between the Eastern Catholic Churches and the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

###### **Our covenant**

- FACE has no advocacy campaign, save to promote and live out the Gospel message;
- FACE has no economic targets and no desire to enter the charity race for market share;
- FACE spends 100% of its aid budget exclusively on projects in Asia Minor, the Middle East and North Africa;
- FACE is committed to keeping its fundraising and administration costs to a minimum by seeking voluntary support and pro bono services, wherever possible;
- FACE does not involve itself in the organisation and execution of aid projects on the ground but rather works directly in partnership with local organisations in the region, under the patronage of the Eastern Catholic Churches;
- FACE ensures that all charitable actions are vetted, monitored and audited, that regular checks at local level during and on completion of each action provide an assessment of efficiency, achievement and any remaining or future needs, and that certified accounts are submitted annually to the Charity Commission;
- FACE works collaboratively with the Catholic Church in Europe, to develop and strengthen pastoral bonds between Western Christians and Eastern Christians.

## **FUNDRAISING**

FACE raises funds in the UK for projects in the Middle East and North Africa through individual donations, Mass offerings, legacies, gift aid, fundraising events and corporate sponsorship.

The charity does not undertake any formal or organised fundraising activities, either directly or through a professional fundraiser or commercial participator or any person acting on its behalf. We do not engage in cold-calling, door to door or street fundraising.

No complaints about fundraising activities have been received. However if a complaint were to be received, we would undertake to resolve it promptly and would envisage that there would never be any need for any complaint to escalate to the stage of referral to the regulator.

The trustees have decided that given the low-key nature of fundraising efforts, there is no need for the charity to be registered with the Fundraising Regulator. However we endeavour to adhere to the standards of the Fundraising Code of Practice.

The trustees are of the opinion that the charity's overall fundraising performance was good and was conducted in fully accordance with the above principles. We are extremely grateful for the generosity of all those who have given to the work of the charity. .

## **FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES (continued)**

#### **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL 2019**

### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The charity was registered at the end of May 2018 and has drawn up accounts to 5 April 2019. During the period, the charity generated receipts, largely in the form of voluntary income, of £2,007. Payments, consisting of support costs, as the charity commenced its operations, amounted to £461. Thus there was a surplus for the period of £1,546 which has been carried forward as reserves.

### **RESERVES POLICY**

By the end of the period the charity's cash reserves stood at £1,546. As the charity becomes more active, the trustees will seek to accumulate reserves to provide the charity with an adequate capital base.

### **PLANS FOR THE FUTURE**

It is the intention of the trustees to expand the work of the charity along the lines set out in the Activities section of this report (above). This will include recruiting and employing adequate staff, including a Chief Executive Officer and Senior Fundraising Manager and ensuring that the necessary funds are generated.

### **STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Charities Act 2011 requires the trustees to prepare for each financial year financial statements which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the year end. In preparing the financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity Commission guidelines for the preparation of accounts using the Receipts and Payments basis;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- adopt the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charitable company will continue on that basis.

The trustees are responsible for ensuring proper accounting records are kept which disclose, with reasonable accuracy at any time, the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the charity's constitution and the disclosure regulations. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of error, fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees have taken advantage of the provisions of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, which exempt them from the requirement to have the accounts independently examined on the grounds that the charity's income is less than £25,000 per annum.

Approved by the Trustees on 3 July 2019 and signed as authorised on their behalf by:



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The Chair of trustees

**FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST**

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 5 APRIL 2019**

	<b>2019 Total £</b>
<b>UNRESTRICTED FUNDS</b>	
<b>RECEIPTS</b>	
Collections	187
Gift Aid donations	576
Other donations	1,094
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	1,857
Other receipts	150
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<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>2,007</b>
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<b>PAYMENTS</b>	
<b>Charitable activities – support costs</b>	
Office costs	48
Travel expenses	118
Recruitment costs	295
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<b>Total Payments</b>	<b>461</b>
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<b>Excess of receipts over payments</b>	<b>1,546</b>
Cash at bank and in hand at beginning of period	<hr/> -
<b>Cash at bank and in hand at end of period</b>	<b>£1,546</b>
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**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

**AS AT 5 APRIL 2019**

	<b>2019</b>	
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash at bank and in hand	1,546	
Debtors & prepayments – Gift Aid reclaimable	144	
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		1,690
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		-
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<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>£1,690</b>
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# **FELLOWSHIP AND AID TO THE CHRISTIANS OF THE EAST**

## **NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 5 APRIL 2019**

### **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

#### **Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and Charity Commission guidelines for the preparation of accounts using the Receipts and Payments basis.

The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102.

#### **Corresponding amounts for the previous financial period**

As these are the first accounts of the charity, there are no corresponding amounts to be disclosed for a previous financial period.

#### **Taxation**

As a registered charity, the CIO and its activities are mainly exempt from Corporation Tax. Thus no taxation falls to be provided for in the financial statements.