



ThinkingFaithNetwork

Registered charity #271987

Formerly West Yorkshire School of Christian Studies (incorporating International Association for Reformed Faith and Action – United Kingdom (founded 1976)), also known as WYSOCS

Governed by declaration of trust executed 19th July 1976,
as amended by supplemental deeds dated 11th January 2006 and 16th January 2016

Trustees' Annual Report for the period:

1st August 2017 to 31st July 2018

Trustees

| | | |
|------------------------|---------------------------|--|
| Cal Bailey | Chair | |
| Steve Bishop | | |
| Anne Burghgraef-Roques | | |
| Sareen Galbraith | | Appointed 21 st April 2018 |
| Justin Gill | | Appointed 21 st April 2018 |
| David Hanson | Secretary (from 21/10/17) | |
| Natasha Hardicre | | Appointed 21 st April 2018 |
| John Satherley | Treasurer | |
| Catherine Thatcher | Secretary (to 21/10/17) | Resigned 21 st October 2017 |

Trustees assent to a Christian doctrinal statement and appoint new members to the trustee body, which shall not exceed ten in number. The selection of new trustees is made from the pool of the charity's supporters and attendees at events put on by the charity, with regard to the needs of the charity, age and gender representation, and the expertise required.

Staff and volunteers

| | |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Gareth Jones (Director) | Mark Roques (RealityBites Director) |
| Richard Gunton (FiSch Coordinator) | Ben Clymo (Operations, Finance and Communication) |

Bank

CAF Bank, 20 Kings Hill Avenue, West Malling, Kent

Solicitor

Wrigley's, 19 Cookridge Street, Leeds



The Charity's Name

The Trustees enacted a supplemental deed on 16th January 2016 to change the name of the charity from WYSOCS to Thinking Faith Network, a change which was formally updated with the Charity Commission, and the bank and other financial accounts, during the period covered by this report.

Objectives

The Charity's Objectives, as summarised in its trust deed, are the advancement of education and opportunity for learning in a wide range of subjects from a Christian perspective, and the furtherance of the gospel in the United Kingdom or elsewhere, particularly with the regard to the promotion of God-centred living through faith in Jesus Christ.

In pursuit of these objectives in 2017-18, Thinking Faith Network has carried out activities in each of its three strands: LifeMatters, RealityBites and Faith-in-Scholarship.

In planning their activities, the trustees had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit. The trustees take care that access to events is, as far as possible, not restricted by physical or financial barriers.

Achievements and activities

Whilst our activities have continued in much the same way this year, we were sad to accept the resignation of Gareth Jones as Director during the year.

The trustees and staff held a strategy away day in April to consider the implication of his resignation and how we should change and develop going forward.

LiFEMATTERS

The second Business and the Kingdom conference was held in November, this time at Bradford Cathedral. Excellent speakers were heard by modest numbers, which was disappointing.

In April, Craig Bartholomew gave two addresses at Emmanuel Baptist Church to very good numbers and was well received.

REALiTYBiTES

Mark followed up his *The Spy, The Rat and the Bed of Nails* publication with articles in the Baptist Times, a *Dangerous Faith* course and several talks in schools.



FAITH-IN-SCHOLARSHIP

Richard continued our partnership with Church Scientific, engaged with a number of churches and students and convened the Faith-in-Scholarship Working Group on Ecosystem Services, which culminated in the publication of a paper, *Beyond Ecosystem Services: valuing the invaluable*, published in the prestigious journal, *Trends in Ecology and Evolution*.

Finances and reserves policy

In the 2017-18 period, the charity received income of £27,911 (2016-17: £39,728) and made expenditure of £22,617 (2016-17: £30,297), a surplus of £6,640 (2016-17: £9,431). The closing balance at the end of the period was £36,147 (2016-17: £30,854).

The trustees aim to hold free reserves of 9-12 months' expenditure. Free reserves at the end of the period were £36,147, above the window of £16,963 and £22,617 (based on this year's expenditure).

The Trustees recognise that they cannot continually hold reserves above the level specified in their reserves policy. They plan to raise pay levels for work being done to more reasonable levels provided the surplus of income proves sustained, and are also mindful of the fact that in due course they may need to make further appointments, in particular to replace the Director. With that in mind, they will monitor reserves through the next year to ensure that they are brought down to the required level.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the trustees:

Noel Caladine Bailey
Chair

David Hanson
Trustee



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Thinking Faith Network

On accounts for the year
ended

31st July 2018

Charity no
(if any) 271987

Set out on pages

7-8

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and
basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 / 07 / 2018.

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination 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:

Mark Pennington

Date:

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Name:

MARK PENNINGTON

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

ACMA

Address:

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WORSFORTH


LEEDS LS18 5NE

Section B**Disclosure**

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.



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|  CHARITY COMMISSION FOR ENGLAND AND WALES | Charity Name West Yorkshire School of Christian Studies | | No (if any) 271987 | | CC16a |
| | Receipts and payments accounts | | | | |
| | For the period from | Period start date 01/08/2017 | To | Period end date 31/07/2018 | |
| Section A Receipts and payments | | | | | |
| | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Endowment funds | Total funds | Last year |
| | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ | to the nearest £ |
| A1 Receipts | | | | | |
| Donations - one-off | 550 | - | - | 550 | 1,390 |
| Donations - regular | 14,473 | - | - | 14,473 | 15,288 |
| Gift Aid | 6,943 | - | - | 6,943 | - |
| LifeMatters income | 2,063 | - | - | 2,063 | 5,482 |
| RealityBites income | 2,277 | 1,500 | - | 3,777 | 7,218 |
| FISch income | - | 105 | - | 105 | 10,133 |
| Other income | - | - | - | - | 216 |
| | - | - | - | - | |
| Sub total (Gross income for AR) | 26,306 | 1,605 | - | 27,911 | 39,728 |
| A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table). | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total receipts | 26,306 | 1,605 | - | 27,911 | 39,728 |
| A3 Payments | | | | | |
| Salaries, fees and tax | 13,781 | 1,250 | - | 15,031 | 15,851 |
| Travel and expenses | 279 | | - | 279 | 1,189 |
| Events and publicity | 2,620 | | - | 2,620 | 11,021 |
| Resources | 966 | 750 | - | 1,716 | 1,554 |
| Office, telephone, insurance, fees | 669 | - | - | 669 | 681 |
| Church Scientific spin-off - grant left | | 2,302 | - | 2,302 | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| | - | - | - | - | - |
| Sub total | 18,315 | 4,302 | - | 22,617 | 30,297 |
| A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table) | | | | | |
| | - | - | - | - | |
| | - | - | - | - | |
| Sub total | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total payments | 18,315 | 4,302 | - | 22,617 | 30,297 |
| Net of receipts/(payments) | 7,991 | - 2,697 | - | 5,294 | 9,431 |
| A5 Transfers between funds | - | - | - | - | - |
| A6 Cash funds last year end | 28,156 | 2,697 | - | 30,854 | - |
| Cash funds this year end | 36,147 | - | - | 36,147 | 9,431 |



Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

| Categories | Details | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
|---|--|--|--|---|
| B1 Cash funds | CAF account | 34,581 | - | - |
| | PayPal | 1,508 | - | - |
| | Amazon Seller account | 41 | - | - |
| | Petty cash | 18 | - | - |
| | Total cash funds | | 36,147 | - |
| | (agree balances with receipts and payments account(s)) | OK | OK | OK |
| | | Unrestricted funds to nearest £ | Restricted funds to nearest £ | Endowment funds to nearest £ |
| B2 Other monetary assets | Details | - | - | - |
| | | - | - | - |
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| | | - | - | - |
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| B3 Investment assets | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| | | | - | - |
| B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use | Details | Fund to which asset belongs | Cost (optional) | Current value (optional) |
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| B5 Liabilities | Details | Fund to which liability relates | Amount due (optional) | When due (optional) |
| | | | - | |
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| Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees | Signature | Print Name | Date of approval | |
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