



## 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 19<sup>th</sup> July 1976,  
as amended by supplemental deeds dated 11<sup>th</sup> January 2006 and 16<sup>th</sup> January 2016

### **Trustees' Annual Report for the period:**

1<sup>st</sup> August 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019

#### **Trustees**

Cal Bailey

Chair

Steve Bishop

Anne Burghgraef-Roques

Sareen Galbraith

Justin Gill

David Hanson

Secretary

Natasha Hardicre

John Satherley

Treasurer

Resigned 01/08/18

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**

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



## 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 2018-19, 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

### LIFEMATTERS

We held our annual Faith in Business conference on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2018, in collaboration with Bradford Cathedral. Sixty-four people came to explore "Loving God and Neighbour... in Business?"

We presented public talks in December and February on "'Feminism' - still a dirty word?" (Dr Valerie Hobbs, Senior Lecturer in Linguistics at Sheffield University, asking how Christians characterise feminism, how it can be redeemed and what it can teach us about ourselves) and "Christian Responses to the Far Right" (Dr Will Allchorn sharing his PhD and book research).

Prof. John Goldingay visited on 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May 2019 to present our Spring lectures. Emeritus professor of Old Testament at Fuller Seminary in California, he presented fascinating views of "Jeremiah and Daniel in Conversation about the World and the Church".

In connection with the Bogside Artists' Exhibition at the Left Bank Centre, a supper event was organised to meet the organiser, Dr Adrienne Chaplin, and the artists.

On 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019, Peter Smith, Royal Engraver, gave a lecture on "Black Tea for Professor Rookmaaker", looking back on a decade of contact with the Art Historian, cut short by his untimely death, and we hosted an exhibition of Peter's wood-engravings.

Except for the Business Conference, these events offered free admission.

Plans were laid for a series of discussion events under the title, "Iron Sharpens Iron", beginning in September 2019, to explore issues of reformational faith in a more informal environment.



## REALITYBITES

Mark Roques' student outreach on Friday evenings regularly reports excellent conversations and Mark is responding to the Trustees' prompting to point beyond the conversations to a discipling activity. He has had articles on his methods accepted by several publications, and is working to develop these into a resource for church leaders.

Mark led another schools' conference which stimulated a lot of questions and discussion amongst the students, but packaging and promoting Mark's work requires the attention of another person and consideration is being given to a suitable appointment to provide some impetus and focus in this area.

Book sales have tailed off but a Spanish translation of "The Spy, the Rat and the Bed of Nails" has been made by Diana Salgado Gunton and it is hoped that we can arrange for publication.

## FAITH-IN-SCHOLARSHIP

Richard Gunton has been named as Honorary Coordinator of FiSch, in which role he maintains the Faith-in-Scholarship Blog which appears approximately every fortnight and holds together its group of contributors.

Richard also continues to facilitate the FISWES writing group (Faith in Scholarship Working Group on Ecosystems Services which earlier published a paper in the respected international journal, Trends in Ecology and Evolution. A report on this work was translated and published in the October 2018 edition of SOPHIE, the bimonthly popular journal of the Dutch Association for Reformational Philosophy.

Richard has energetically collaborated with CECAN (The Centre for Evaluation of Complexity Across the Nexus) in preparing material for further publications demonstrating the value of our reformational heritage and, in particular, its "multi-aspectual" or "modal" analysis.

Between May and July 2019, we hosted an Internship for a 2nd year English Literature student from Texas A&M University, aimed at expanding and challenging her understanding of Christian scholarship, worldview and philosophy. The intern has kept in touch and is deeply appreciative of her time with us, during which she was mentored chiefly by Mark Roques and David Hanson, but also others from within the network and our wider contacts. We're very grateful to trustee Sareen Galbraith, for providing accommodation for the three month period.



## Finances and reserves policy

In the 2018-19 period, the charity received income of £23,485 (2017-18: £27,911) and made expenditure of £17,096 (2017-18: £22,617), a surplus of £6,389 (2017-18: £5,294). The closing balance at the end of the period was £42,536 (2017-18: £36,147).

The trustees aim to hold free reserves of 9-12 months' expenditure. Free reserves at the end of the period were £42,536, above the window of £12,822 and £17,096 (based on this year's expenditure).

The Trustees recognise that they cannot continually hold reserves above the level specified in their reserves policy. They expect to raise pay levels for work being done to more reasonable levels provided the surplus of income is sustained, and in due course they may need to make further appointments, in particular to replace the Director. With that in mind, they will continue to 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**

Thinking Faith Network

**On accounts for the year  
ended**

31<sup>st</sup> July 2019

**Charity no**

271987

**Set out on pages**

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**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 31/07/2019.

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with 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 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:**

*Charles Taylor*

**Date:**

21<sup>st</sup> May 2020

**Name:**

CHARLES TAYLOR

**Relevant professional  
qualification(s) or body:**

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## Section B Disclosure

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

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



 <b>CHARITY COMMISSION</b> FOR ENGLAND AND WALES	Charity Name <b>Thinking Faith Network</b>	No (if any) 271987	<b>CC16a</b>
	<b>Receipts and payments accounts</b>		
	For the period from 01/08/2018	To 31/07/2019	

## 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>					
Donations - one-off	687		-	687	550
Donations - regular	13,553		-	13,553	14,473
Gift Aid	3,322		-	3,322	6,943
LifeMatters income	3,483		-	3,483	2,063
RealityBites income	940	1,500	-	2,440	3,777
FiSch income	-		-	-	105
Other income	-		-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	<b>21,985</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,485</b>	<b>27,911</b>
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>21,985</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,485</b>	<b>27,911</b>
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Salaries, fees and tax	9,933	1,500	-	11,433	15,031
Travel and expenses	225		-	225	279
Events and publicity	4,296		-	4,296	2,620
Resources	471		-	471	1,716
Office, telephone, insurance, fees	672		-	672	669
Church Scientific spin-off - grant left	-	-	-	-	2,302
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>15,596</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,096</b>	<b>22,617</b>
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>15,596</b>	<b>1,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>17,096</b>	<b>22,617</b>
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	<b>6,389</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,389</b>	<b>5,294</b>
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	<b>36,147</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>36,147</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>42,536</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>42,536</b>	<b>-</b>



## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	CAF account	39,322	-	-
	PayPal	3,196	-	-
	Amazon Seller account	-	-	-
	Petty cash	18	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	<b>42,536</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name		Date of approval