

Edinburgh Bible College
Trustees' Report and Accounts
Year ended 31 July 2017
Scottish Charity No. SC043657

Edinburgh Bible College

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Charity Information *for the Year Ended 31 July 2017*

Trustees

Rev David Andrew
Mr Ewen Evans
Rev Dr David H G Greenaway
Rev Dr Alexander M Roger
Rev Iain Shaw
Rev David S Randall
Mr George Innes (*Appointed 19 September 2016*)

Office Bearers

Rev John D Brand (Principal)
Rev Dr David H G Greenaway (Chairperson)
Rev Dr David S Randall (Vice-Chairperson)
Mr Eric A Purves (Secretary)

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Trustees' Report and Accounts for the Year Ended 31 July 2017

The Trustees present their Report and Accounts for the charity for the accounting year ended 31 July 2017.

Status of Charity and Governing Document

Edinburgh Bible College ("the charity") is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) (No. SC043657) established on 18 December 2012 and governed by its Constitution.

Organisational structure

The structure of the organisation consists of:

- *The Trustees* – who are the organisation's only members.
- *The Board of Directors* – who control the activities of the organisation; for example, the Board is responsible for monitoring the teaching and for monitoring and controlling the financial position of the organisation.
- *The Council of Reference*, drawn from amongst local churches and from wider afield in such areas as Christian ministry, teaching, education, literature and business – who have the right to attend Annual General Meetings and any Special Meeting. They have an advisory role under the Constitution - they may suggest people to serve as Trustees, inform succession planning and development of the activities of the College, and advise on any useful changes to the Constitution over time.

The Board of Directors ("the Board") comprises the Trustees and the Principal of the College.

The Principal is responsible for the day to day management and direction of the College and is directly accountable to the Trustees.

Trustees and Office Bearers

The Trustees and Office Bearers who served during the year are listed on page 1.

Appointment of Trustees

The Board's procedure in relation to considering a person nominated for the role of Trustee is as follows. If the nominated person is considered to be suitable and has the required skills and experience, the Principal would meet with the person in order to (1) explain the ethos and workings of the College (2) assess the person's eligibility as a potential Trustee and (3) ensure the person's awareness of a Trustee's statutory responsibilities. The nominated person would be given time to reflect on the role of Trustee and, assuming no reason debaring involvement, the nominated person would be invited to attend the next Board meeting as an observer. Thereafter, the nominated person would meet with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and the Principal to further explore the role and involvement of a Trustee. Details of this meeting would be conveyed to the other members of the Board and, in the event of a unanimous decision by the Board, the nominated person would be invited to become a Trustee.

The Trustees serve voluntarily and meet quarterly.

Objectives and Activities

The aim of Edinburgh Bible College shall be to promote the advancement of education and religion which is achieved through equipping God's people for God's purposes by training in Scotland and wider afield through personal interaction and distance learning in the teaching of the Bible and historic doctrines of the Christian faith. This will focus on and be structured to encourage their spiritual growth and equip them for effective Christian ministry.

The College operates from within Wester Hailes Baptist Church (Scottish Charity No. SCO04500) and makes a monthly donation during term time to Wester Hailes Baptist Church for use of its accommodation.

Achievements and Performance

The College started in September 2012 and this marks the end of five years of providing training and teaching. Our aim is to be flexible and provide this in different ways. Lectures are held on-site over three days each week but can also be accessed on-line which allows those who are unable to attend to benefit from the teaching. They are then able to do this at their own pace or to fit studying around other commitments.

We hold our lectures within the premises of Wester Hailes Baptist Church and we are grateful to the congregation for allowing us to use this facility. We publicize the College and the courses we provide in our comprehensive website which was refreshed at the start of the last academic year.

One of our core values is to have modules taught by those we describe as Practitioners – Christian workers who have practical experience in their field and who can also ensure that courses are academically challenging. We have a group of twelve who we can call on to teach as the syllabus requires and we are grateful to them for their support. During the year, in addition to the Principal, six external lecturers delivered a range of subjects.

The syllabus is framed around the requirements of the Diploma in Theology, studied over a two-year period. Some students complete the course both by attending lectures and studying on line. This year, we had two students graduating with a Diploma in Theology, one who had attended lectures over two years, and another who did this over a year augmented by studying on-line as part of our Ministry Apprenticeship course. Another student received a Diploma in Expository Preaching. Some students are only able to study part of the course one day a week over two years which gives them an Approved Worked Certificate and one student received this award.

Throughout the year, we have continued to hold monthly teaching sessions remote from the College – Saturday Bible Schools. These are held in conjunction with local churches and we are always seeking opportunities to extend this as resources permit. The opportunity has arisen for us to introduce training for those working in a cross cultural situation and we are developing this and anticipate being able to introduce courses in the coming year.

As we look to the future, we are thankful for the addition to the staff of Rev Dr Thorsten Prill who has been appointed as Vice Principal and Academic Dean and will take up that role at the end of 2017. Dr Prill comes to us from ten years of theological training experience in Namibia and, among other responsibilities, will be seeking to gain accreditation for our courses.

As our student numbers are small and for the fees to be affordable, we rely on gifts and donations in order to pay our way. We are grateful to God who has provided the additional funds we require in some amazing ways and unlikely sources.

Financial Review

Per the *Statement of Receipts and Payments* on page 6, the charity reported a Deficit of £3,488 for the year ended 31 July 2017 (2016 - Deficit £1,370).

Reserves Policy

The Trustees' policy is to maintain Unrestricted Funds at a level sufficient to meet the charity's annual administrative costs. Whilst the charity's Unrestricted Funds at 31 July 2017 amounted to £1,185 (as indicated on page 7), the General Fund was deficient by £615 – a matter which the Trustees have been addressing during the current accounting year.

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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the charity's financial position and enable them to ensure that the Accounts comply with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005, the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and the provisions of the charity's Constitution. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Independent Examiner

The Trustees recommend Alan Cunningham C.A., a Partner in Alexander Sloan, Accountants and Business Advisors, remains in office as Independent Examiner until further notice.

Approved by the Trustees on 27 November 2017 and signed on their behalf by:



Rev Dr David H G Greenaway
Trustee / Chairperson

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Edinburgh Bible College

I report on the Accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 July 2017 which are set out on pages 6 to 8.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity's Trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (d) of the Accounts Regulations does not apply. It is my responsibility to examine the Accounts as required under Section 44(1) (c) of the Act and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with Regulation 11 of the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the Accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the Accounts, and seeks explanations from the Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the Accounts.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - o to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and
 - o to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

2. to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the Accounts to be reached.



Alan Cunningham, C.A.

Partner

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Date: 27 November 2017

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Statement of Receipts and Payments for the Year Ended 31 July 2017

| | Unrestricted Funds | | 2017 | 2016 |
|--|--------------------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| | General | Designated | Total | Total |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Receipts | | | | |
| <i>Voluntary Income:</i> | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 7,429 | - | 7,429 | 11,566 |
| <i>Income from charitable activities</i> | | | | |
| Fees | 6,437 | - | 6,437 | 13,789 |
| Online Studies | 1,538 | - | 1,538 | 1,250 |
| Seminars | 1,027 | - | 1,027 | 1,690 |
| <i>Other incoming resources:</i> | | | | |
| Other income | 170 | - | 170 | 34 |
| Total receipts | 16,600 | - | 16,600 | 28,329 |
| Payments | | | | |
| <i>Charitable Activities:</i> | | | | |
| Office equipment | - | - | - | 447 |
| General administration | 1,498 | - | 1,498 | 1,683 |
| Printing and publicity | 138 | - | 138 | 1,286 |
| Tutor fees | 14,424 | - | 14,424 | 19,320 |
| Travel and subsistence | 80 | - | 80 | 155 |
| Rent | 3,000 | - | 3,000 | 3,000 |
| <i>Governance Costs:</i> | | | | |
| Independent Examiner's Fee | 948 | - | 948 | 1,068 |
| Total payments | 20,088 | - | 20,088 | 26,959 |
| (Deficit)/Surplus for year | (3,488) | - | (3,488) | 1,370 |

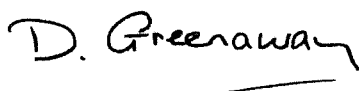
The Notes on page 8 form an integral part of these Accounts.

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Statement of Balances as at 31 July 2017

| Notes | Unrestricted Funds | | 2017 | 2016 |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| | General | Designated | Total | Total |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Bank and Cash in Hand | | | | |
| Opening balances | 2,873 | 1,800 | 4,673 | 3,303 |
| Deficit for year | (3,488) | - | (3,488) | 1,370 |
| Closing Balances | (615) | 1,800 | 1,185 | 4,673 |
| Reserves | | | | |
| General Fund | (615) | - | (615) | 4,673 |
| Designated Fund | - | 1,800 | 1,800 | - |
| Closing Balances | (615) | 1,800 | 1,185 | 4,673 |
| Assets (Debtors) | | | | |
| Income Tax recoverable on Gift Aid | 40 | - | 40 | 32 |
| Liabilities | | | | |
| Independent Examiner's Fee | 708 | - | 708 | 948 |
| | 708 | - | 708 | 948 |

Approved by the Trustees on 27 November 2017 and signed on their behalf by:



Rev Dr David H G Greenaway
Trustee/ Chairperson

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1. Accounting policies

Basis of Accounting

The Accounts have been prepared on a Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Purpose of Funds

Unrestricted

General Fund: encompasses all income and expenditure relating to the primary focus activities of the charity, other than those for which funding is restricted.

Designated Fund: represents funds earmarked by the Trustees to assist students with the funding of their fees, when required.

VAT

The charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly, expenditure includes VAT where appropriate.

2. Charitable Expenditure

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries.

Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the Independent Examiner's fee.

3. Trustees' Remuneration and Related Party Transactions

No Trustees or any persons connected with them received any remuneration or reimbursed expenses during the period in their capacity as Trustee. The following fees and reimbursed expenses were paid to Trustees in their capacity as Tutors at the College:

| Trustee | Rev David Randall £ | Rev David Andrew £ | Rev Dr David Greenaway £ | Rev Dr Alexander Rodger £ |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>Year ended 31 July 2017</i> | | | | |
| Tutor fees | 450 | 100 | - | 100 |
| Reimbursed mileage | 199 | 62 | - | 32 |
| Total 2017 | 649 | 162 | - | 132 |
| <i>Year ended 31 July 2016</i> | | | | |
| Tutor fees | 450 | 900 | - | - |
| Reimbursed mileage | 199 | 559 | 243 | - |
| Total 2016 | 649 | 1,459 | 243 | - |