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# THE ASCENSION TRUST (SCOTLAND) (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2017



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Mr William Barclay
Rev Alexander Gunn
Rev Leslie Isaac
Mrs Margaret Hassall
Councillor Judith Hamilton
Mr Donald Crawford

(Appointed 15 April 2016) (Appointed 31 May 2016) (Appointed 20 December 2016)

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### THE ASCENSION TRUST (SCOTLAND) (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) TRUSTEES' REPORT (INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2017

The trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 January 2017.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the accounts and comply with the trust's Articles of Association, the Companies Act 2006 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015)"

### Objectives and activities

The trust's objects are the advancement of the Christian religion in Scotland and elsewhere; the relief of poverty and sickness and the promotion, protection and preservation of good health and welfare of persons in Scotland with the object of improving their condition of life.

The trustees have paid due regard to guidance issued by OSCR in deciding what activities the trust should undertake.

The work of The Ascension Trust (Scotland) is to support and provide advice and training to local Street Pastor initiatives. This is achieved through the organisation of events; the provision of uniforms; training manuals; best practice gleaned through Quality Assurance visits to existing areas; roadshows and other opportunities to raise the profile of the organisation. Liaison is also undertaken with government and police at national level.

With the exception of the part time C.E.O. and one part time administrative support post, all the work of the charity is provided at no cost to the charity.

### Achievements and performance

Trustees have provided practical support and training to new initiatives in Scottish borders, and continued to provide that support to existing initiatives as well as working with other areas expressing an interest in starting Street Pastors. Meetings have been held with Government ministers, local councillors, senior police officers and church leaders to ensure they are aware of the achievements of local initiatives. The Guild Partnership Project has allowed The Ascension Trust (Scotland) to fund training modules in Roles and Responsibilities and Good news, previously funded by each local area. Further training covering Team Leaders and Training for Trainers was also provided. A training conference for all Scottish Coordinators and Management Committee members was also funded from Guild funding.

### Financial review

The charity had a surplus of £21,750 for the year. At 31 January 2017 The Ascension Trust (Scotland) held unrestricted funds of £20,729. The Church of Scotland Guild Partnership project mentioned in last year's review transferred funds of £49,793 to the charity in July 2016. In the year leading up to this first year's funding a number of Street Pastor areas made loans of £2,200 to Ascension Trust (Scotland). These were repaid in August 2016.

At the Directors meeting in December 2015, the trustees took the view that an acceptable level of reserves was 90 days anticipated operating costs. They also restated that there still exists a need to build on present funding in order to be able to continue to fulfil its obligations to local initiatives.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the trust is exposed, and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate exposure to such risks.

### Structure, governance and management

The trust is a company limited by guarantee incorporated on 19th January 2010 and registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator on 19th November 2010. The Ascension Trust (Scotland) was established under its Articles of Association which established the objects and powers of the charitable company.

### THE ASCENSION TRUST (SCOTLAND) (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)(INCLUDING DIRECTORS' REPORT)

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2017

The trustees, who are also the directors for the purposes of company law, and who served during the year were:

Mr Michael Archibald (Finance Director)

Mr James Duce

Mr Mark Hadfield

Mr Shaw Anderson (Chairman)

Mr William Barclay

Rev Alexander Gunn

Rev Leslie Isaac

Mrs Margaret Hassall

Councillor Judith Hamilton

Mr Donald Crawford

(Appointed 15 April 2016)

(Appointed 31 May 2016)

(Appointed 20 December 2016)

The present directors take the views of the leaders in Street Pastor areas and select a number of new board members following their discussions.

None of the trustees has any beneficial interest in the company. None of the trustees are members of the company.

The organisation is responsible for the correct functioning of the trust and the chairman has the authority to manage the affairs of the trust and report back to the board when they meet.

The sole member of the trust is The Ascension Trust, Company Number 6751712, Charity Registration Number 1127294, which is the umbrella body for all Street Pastor initiatives outside Scotland. In the event of a liquidator, receiver or administrator being appointed to The Ascension Trust, they will cease to be the sole member, with the chairperson of The Ascension Trust (Scotland) becoming the sole member of the trust.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.

Mr Michael Archibald (Finance Director)

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Trustee

Dated: 29 June 2017

### THE ASCENSION TRUST (SCOTLAND) (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2017

The trustees, who are also the directors of The Ascension Trust (Scotland) for the purpose of company law, are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the accounts in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company Law requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that year.

In preparing these accounts, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts; and
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the trust will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the trust and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

### THE ASCENSION TRUST (SCOTLAND) (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE ASCENSION TRUST (SCOTLAND)

I report on the accounts of the trust for the year ended 31 January 2017, which are set out on pages 5 to 13.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The trustees, who are also the directors of The Ascension Trust (Scotland) for the purposes of company law, 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 trustees consider that the audit requirement of Regulation 10(1) (a) to (c) of the 2006 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 2006 Accounts Regulations. 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 seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### Independent examiner's statement

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

- (a) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
  - (i) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations;
  - (ii) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 8 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations

have not been met, or

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(b) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Sandra C Paterson C A

Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland

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Dated: 30 June 2017



# THE ASCENSION TRUST (SCOTLAND) (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2017

Income from:	Notes	2017 £	2016 £
Donations and legacies	2	9,900	4,833
Income from charitable activities	3	86,382	41,525
Total income		96,282	46,358
Expenditure on:		****	
Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities	4	74,532	59,977
Net income/(expenditure) for the year/			
Net movement in funds		21,750	(13,619)
Fund balances at 1 February 2016		(1,021)	12,598
Fund balances at 31 January 2017		20,729	(1,021)

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities also complies with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.



### THE ASCENSION TRUST (SCOTLAND) (A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) BALANCE SHEET

### AS AT 31 JANUARY 2017

		2017	7	2016	
	Notes	£	£	£	£
Current assets					
Debtors	8	2,396		2,075	
Cash at bank and in hand		27,825		12,716	
		30,221		14,791	
Creditors: amounts falling due within	10				
one year		(1,492)		(7,812)	
Net current assets			28,729		6,979
Creditors: amounts falling due after	11				
more than one year	11		(8,000)		(8,000)
Net assets/(liabilities)			20,729		(1,021)
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Income funds					
Unrestricted funds			20,729		(1,021)
			20,729		(1,021)

The company is entitled to the exemption from the audit requirement contained in section 477 of the Companies Act 2006, for the year ended 31 January 2017. No member of the company has deposited a notice, pursuant to section 476, requiring an audit of these accounts.

The trustees' acknowledge their responsibilities for ensuring that the charity keeps accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing accounts which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime.

The financial statements were approved by the board of directors and authorised for issue on 29 June 2017 and are signed on its behalf by:

Mr Michael Archibald (Finance Director)

Trustee

Company Registration No. SC371392



### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2017

### 1 Accounting policies

### Company information

The Ascension Trust (Scotland) is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Scotland. The registered office is Suite 4D Kinnoull House, Riverview Business Park, Friarton Road, PERTH, PH2 8DG.

### 1.1 Accounting convention

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102"), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" the Statement of Recommended Practice for charities applying FRS 102, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015. The trust is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The accounts are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the trust. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest  $\mathfrak{L}$ .

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

### 1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the accounts, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the trust has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the accounts.

### 1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives unless the funds have been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the accounts.

### 1.4 Incoming resources

Income is recognised when the trust is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the trust has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the trust has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

### 1.5 Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes all VAT incurred and is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

### 1.6 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2017

### 1 Accounting policies

(Continued)

### 1.7 Financial instruments

The trust only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value, with the exception of concessionary loans which are initially recognised and measured at the amount received or paid, with the carrying amount adjusted in subsequent years to reflect repayments and any accrued interest and adjusted if necessary for impairment.

### Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

### Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

### 1.8 Leases

Rentals payable under operating leases, including any lease incentives received, are charged to income on a straight line basis over the term of the relevant lease.

### 2 Donations and legacies

	2017	2016
	£	£
Donations and gifts	9,900	4,833
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### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2017

3	Income from charitable activities		
		Total	2016
		£	£
	Advising Scottish Street Pastor groups	36,589	31,525
	The Gannochy Trust	_	10,000
	Church of Scotland Guild	49,793	,
		86,382	41,525

### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2017

Analysis by fund Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds

For the year ended 31 January 2016

Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities		
	Total	2016
	£	£
Staff costs	30,850	27,272
Rent	4,356	4,320
Heat and light	464	395
Insurance	273	-
Postage and stationery	1,941	1,460
Computer expenses	· -	145
Equipment hire	<b></b>	240
Telephone	718	754
Office equipment	578	714
Licences	14,053	6,886
Travel and subsisitence	1,554	5,710
Refreshments	97	158
Training	_	1,001
Sundry expenses	289	2,187
Guild expenses	13,703	7,105
Donations	200	310
Uniforms	4,016	-
	73,092	58,657
Share of governance costs (see note 5)	1,440	1,320
	74,532	59,977



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### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2017

5	Support costs					
		Support Go costs	vernance costs	2017	2016	Basis of allocation
		£	£	£	£	
	Accountancy fees	-	1,440	1,440	1,320	Governance
		-	1,440	1,440	1,320	
	Analysed between Charitable activities		1,440	1,440	1,320	

### 6 Trustees

None of the trustees received any remuneration during the year (2016 - £nil). Four trustees were reimbursed for their travelling expenses totalling £892 (2016 - £4,474).

### 7 Employees

### Number of employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2017	2016
	Number	Number
Chairman	1	1
Office and administration	1	1
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	2	2
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Employment costs	2017	2016
	£	£
Wages and salaries	30,530	27,172
Social security costs	320	100
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	30,850	27,272

The charity considers its key management personnel comprise the trustees and the Chief Executive Officer. The total employment benefits of the key management personnel were £18,000 (2016 - £15,818). The wife of the Chief Executive Officer, who was a trustee until 10 March 2015, received employment benefits totalling £12,530 (2016 - £11,354).

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.



### FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2017

8	Debtors		0047	0040
	Amounts falling due within one year:		2017 £	2016 £
	Other debtors Prepayments and accrued income		1,750 646	2,075
			2,396	2,075
9	Loans and overdrafts			
			2017 £	2016 £
	Other loans Loans from related parties		8,000	2,200 8,000
			8,000	10,200
	Payable within one year Payable after one year		8,000 ======	2,200 8,000
	A loan of £8,000 was received from The Ascension Trust is repayable by July 2018. Loans totalling £2,200 rece Street Pastor areas were repaid in July 2016 and no inter	ived in the year to 31s	s granted interest t January 2016	st free and from three
10	Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		2017 £	2016 £
	Borrowings Accruals and deferred income		1,492	2,200 5,612
			1,492	7,812
11	Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one ye	ear		
		Notes	2017 £	2016 £
	Loans and overdrafts	9	8,000	8,000

