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		Independent examiner's report on the accounts						v2
Report to the trustees/members of	World Day of Prayer Scottish Committee							
Registered charity number	SC020446							
On the accounts of the charity for the period	Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
	01	01	2024	to	31	12	2024	
Set out on pages	01-12						(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	
Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner	<p>The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the terms of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) 2005 Act and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006. The charity 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.</p>							
Basis of independent examiner's statement	<p>My examination is 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 accounts.</p>							
Independent examiner's statement	<p>In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations <p>have not been met, or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached. 							
Signed:	Louise A Kelman				Date:			
Name:	Louise A Kelman							
Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):								
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*Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply. If the words do apply, set out those matters which have come to your attention on the following page.

APPENDIX 3

Disclosure section

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight material problems.

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

APPENDIX 1

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	01	2024	To	31	12	2024

Reference and administration details

Charity name	World Day of Prayer Scottish Committee
Other names charity is known by	
Registered charity number	SC020446
Charity's principal address	4 Gateley Avenue
	South Beach
	Blyth
	Northumberland
	Postcode NE24 3HG

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mary Welsh	Convenor	To September 24	World Day of Prayer Scottish Committee
2	Helen M Mee	Vice-Convenor		
3	Marjorie Paton	Secretary		
4	Suzanne Foster	Treasurer		
5	Barbara Leppard	Distribution Secretary		
6	Alison Chalmers	Minute Secretary		
7	Elizabeth Blair	Asst Minute Secretary		
8	Ann Bowie	European meeting Convenor		
9	Major Irene Houston			
10	Nina Cryne			
11	Mary Kidd			
12	Rev Dr Anna-Claar Thomasson-Rosingh		To October 24	
13	Angela Thomson	Co-opt		
14	Isabel Martin			
15	Lorna Cammock		From September 24	
16	Kate Arnot			
17	Kathryn Howe	Co-opt		
18	Margaret Muir			
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Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The activities of the World Day of Prayer in Scotland are directed by the Scottish Committee as governed by its Constitution.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The recommended size of the Committee is 25 members elected by different Christian denominations, representatives of various organisations or interdenominational societies and co-opted members. Committee members usually serve three to five years up to a maximum of 15 years.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

Observing the World Day of Prayer each year, the committee aims to encourage the people of Scotland to participate in the World Day of Prayer and to assist financially in the issue of Scripture and various forms of Christian literature designed to advance the Christian faith and way of life throughout the world.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

On Friday 1st March 2024, The World Day of Prayer was celebrated by people gathering throughout Scotland in churches, eventide homes, hospices, schools, and other venues. Individuals also participated in their own homes using printed or pre-recorded material. The theme was 'I Beg you bear with one another in Love', prepared by Christian women of Palestine.

Through World Day of Prayer, people are encouraged.

- To become aware of the whole world and no longer to live in isolation.
- To be enriched by the faith experience of Christians of other countries and cultures.
- To take up the burdens of other people and pray with and for them
- To become aware of their talents and use them in the service of society

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

During the year under review, a grant of £12,000 was given to the Scottish Bible Society, £24,000 to Palestinian Charities, £1,000 to Palestinian Schools, £5,000 to the International Committee and £2,000 to the European Committee. Grants are agreed and made by the committee on an annual basis.

During 2024 donations have continued to the World Day of Prayer. The World Day of Prayer Scottish Committee are fortunate that people still make donations by post, online or using the PayPal donation button to make offerings enabling the Committee to continue their work. During the services of World Day of Prayer cash collections are made and quite a large amount of people sign Gift Aid forms enabling the ability to gain 25% from Inland Revenue.

Committee meetings are now held on Zoom in the winter and in person from April. We have also been very fortunate in meeting on Zoom for various 'Global Conversations' with committee members around the world. In October the Committee were able to meet at Schoenstatt for a retreat.

The World Day of Prayer Scotland has been fortunate in being selected to host the European Meeting in Edinburgh University in June 2025, although this increases the expenditure to the committee it is a worthwhile project to meet people from all around Europe in conversation and worship.

In June 2024 the Committee held a 'Gathering' of Organisers, whose work ensures services in Churches and Schools around Scotland take place, their work is greatly appreciated, anyone, male or female who would like to hear more about the work of the WDP Scotland Committee was included in the invitation.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

It is the policy of the Committee to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the free reserves of the Committee at a level which is equivalent to between one and two times the costs of support, management and administration, this is approximately £15,000. The Committee consider that this level is appropriate to ensure the ongoing work of World Day of Prayer.

Details of any deficit

As the Scottish Committee were selected to host the 2025 European Meeting on 11th-16th June 2025 this has led to an increase in spending for this year as a small group were responsible for meeting European Reps at various meetings to consider the accommodation and all the facilities for holding the meeting. Postage and printing costs have also had an adverse effect on 2024

Donated facilities and services (if any)

Other optional information



The World Day of Prayer Scottish Committee is part of the worldwide movement, which operates through National Committees in participating countries, regional gatherings and the International Committee whose Executive fulfils its responsibilities between quadrennial meetings. The Scottish Committee continues its tradition of active support of the wider movement including sending representatives to International and European meetings. There is also good liaison with World Day of Prayer National committee of England, Wales and Northern Ireland and World Day of Prayer International Committee.

The Committee is greatly indebted to the many volunteers up and down the country who help to organise and take part in services. Their contribution cannot be measured.

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Rev Helen M Mee	Mrs Suzanne Foster
Position (e.g. Chair)	Asst. Convenor	Treasurer
Date	7/4/25	7/4/2025