

# HARRYVILLE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

Trustees Annual Report and Financial Statements For the year ended 31 December 2023

Registered Charity in Northern Ireland (NIC105397)



The Trustees present their Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2023 including a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at that date.

#### REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Harryville congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland 26 Casement Street Ballymena BT42 4BY

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### **CHARITY TRUSTEES**

The Charity Trustees who served during the year or who were trustees at the date of this report were

**Trevor Agnew** 

**Eddie Chestnutt** 

**Eddie Crawford** 

Martin Cubitt

Jimmy Elder

Alistair Fulton

Maurice Fulton

Lindsay Gamble

**Godfrey Gaston** 

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David McCullough

Trevor McIlhagga

Robert McIntosh

**Danny Murray** 

**David Pattison** 

**Alex Penney** 

**Bryan Suitters** 

John Suitters



### **PRINCIPAL OFFICE BEARERS**

Minister Clerk of Session Secretary Treasurer Rev Eddie Chestnutt Maurice Fulton Martin Cubitt Cecil McClelland

#### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER**

MJM McLoughlin LLP Chartered Accountants & Registered Auditors 54 Lisburn Road Belfast BT9 6AF

### **BANKERS**

Ulster Bank Limited Wellington Street Ballymena Co. Antrim BT43 6AD

### **SOLICITORS**

Samuel Cumming & Son 39 Linenhall Street Ballymena Co. Antrim BT43 5AJ



#### STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT

#### The Kirk Session

The charity trustees of the congregation are the members of its Kirk Session. Under the congregation's governing document, The Code, the book of the constitution and government of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Kirk Session seeks to watch over and promote the spiritual interest of the congregation and of persons not connected with any congregation who are within its bounds. It ensures pastoral care is in place in the congregation and seeks to further the contribution of the Church to Christian witness and service in the local community. The Kirk Session has delegated to its Congregational Committee the temporal affairs of the congregation including administering all funds and property belonging to the congregation. Members of the Kirk Session are ex-officio members of the Congregational Committee.

The Kirk Session consists of the ordained minister and the ruling elders of the congregation. All members are entitled to propose, speak and exercise equal votes at meetings, except that the Moderator, the minister in active duty in the congregation, has no deliberative but only a casting vote.

Stated meetings of the Kirk session are held at least twice in each year.

To be chosen for the office of the eldership in the congregation a person must be a voting member and a regular attendant on its ordinances. The selection of those proposed to be called to the office can be either by the congregation or by the Kirk Session. Members are elected if they obtain two-thirds of those who vote.

### **Presbytery**

Under the Presbyterian Church in Ireland form of governance the corporate oversight of a congregation is the responsibility of a Presbytery which superintends generally the spiritual and temporal affairs of the congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. Harryville congregation of the Presbyterian Church has been assigned to the Ballymena Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The membership of the Presbytery consists mainly of the active ministers of congregations assigned to it by the General Assembly, minsters who have retired from active duty and an elder appointed by the Kirk Session of the congregation.



#### The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme court of the Church, representing in one body the whole Church and acting as its supreme legislative, administration and judicial authority, in dealing with all matters brought before it. The General Assembly is normally constituted during the first week in June for worship and to conduct its business, however in 2023 it commenced on 21<sup>st</sup> June. At the end of business it is dissolved. The membership of the General Assembly consists mainly of the active ministers of each congregation, retired minsters and a representative elder appointed by the Kirk Session of each congregation.

#### **DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE**

The charitable purpose of the congregation is the advancement of religion.

Harryville congregation of the Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The Presbyterian Church in Ireland, as a Reformed Church within the wider body of Christ is grounded in the Scriptures, and exists to love and honour God through faith in His Son and by the power of His Spirit, and to enable her members to play their part in fulfilling God's mission to our world.

The congregation's mission purpose is

For God's glory equipping Christians to worship God and reach Harryville and the world for Christ.

The congregation aims to live out its mission purpose as a family of God's people by being:

- A Covenant Community: where our relationships are rooted in the promises of God by living faithfully toward him and toward one another.
- An Intergenerational Community: where adults intentionally take the lead to engage with, encourage and nurture younger members to maturity in Christ.
- An Outward looking Community: where we want the blessings of God that belong to us in the gospel to become blessings for others beyond the bounds of our community.
- As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, we believe that the Bible is the supreme authority over all we do, and that the Westminster Confession of Faith, along with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms set out what we understand the Bible teaches on key matters of Christian faith and practice.



#### **ACTIVITIES AND OBJECTIVES**

The congregation meets for worship every Sunday and visitors are welcome to join. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper is observed on several occasions during the year and all those who have been baptised and who have made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are admitted to the Lord's Supper. The congregation holds regular bible study and prayer meetings and has a wide range of organisations and other events including:

- Sunday School (SMJ)
- Youth Fellowship
- Boys' Brigade
- Parents and Toddlers
- First Tuesday (Presbyterian Women)
- Wednesday Afternoon Fellowship
- Coffee Morning Drop-In
- Youth Club
- Holiday Bible Club
- Serve Harryville (summer activity for teenagers)
- Fit for Life
- After School Club Harryville Primary School

#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

## Worship and prayer

The congregation normally meets for worship each Sunday at 11:30 am and 6:30 pm. During the week the Bible Study provides an opportunity for members to meet together for fellowship, to study the scriptures and for a time of prayer.

As well as our regular services during the year we acknowledge God's gift of new life through the sacrament of baptism. Marriage services are conducted as arranged. Families are comforted at time of bereavement and funeral services are conducted.

At 31st December 2023 there were 156 communicant members and 252 families connected with the congregation. The average weekly attendance at morning worship is 125.

#### Pastoral care

Members of the congregation are visited regularly by the elders. Any who are unable to attend church due to sickness or age are visited by the minister, elders or by one of the congregation's pastoral visitors. In addition, where there is special need the minister will visit. Contact with members is also encouraged by telephone and other means.



#### **Mission and Outreach**

The congregation is actively involved in the local area. Many of those who attend organisations associated with the congregation live in the surrounding area. The congregation has a special fund called 'Heart for Harryville'. All contributions to this fund go to give practical assistance to those who are in financial need and who live in the Ballymena South area of the town.

Each summer 'Serve Harryville' takes place. This is an outreach led by young people. A number of practical projects are completed in the area of our town around our buildings. These projects include activities such as weed-clearing, litter picking and grass-cutting.

The congregation takes an interest in a wide range of Christian missions and organisations. Speakers are invited to come to the church to raise awareness about their organisations. They are prayed for and financial donations are given. The congregation takes a special interest in 10 such organisations giving each a gift of £1,200 in 2023. They are:

United For Mission (UFM)
Mission Aviation Fellowship
Overseas Missionary Fellowship
Tear Fund
Florence Project

Dublin Christian Mission
Donabate Presbyterian Church
Scripture Union Northern Ireland
Christians Against Poverty
Presbyterian Children's Society



The congregation supports the United Appeal for Mission which is a central fund of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. This fund enables congregations to support the wider mission of the denomination and to do mission and outreach on a denominational basis beyond what the congregation could do on its own. The United Appeal Fund provides financial support for mission personnel at home and overseas, assists congregations with the deployment of locally based staff, enables church planting, provides grant support for the upkeep of church premises, assist with the running costs of Union Theological College, the Church's training college for ministry students, and financially supports congregation in the areas of worship, discipleship, global mission, outreach, leadership and pastoral care.

The congregation also contributes to the denomination's annual World Development Appeal, Sunday school project and any other special appeals.

### **Presbytery**

The congregation was represented at the regular meetings of Presbytery by our minister and one of the elders. This provides an important link between the congregation and the wider structures of the church.

#### **General Assembly**

The minister and one of our elders were nominated to attend the meeting of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland held in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, in June.

### **Property**

The congregation owns a meeting house and church halls located on either side of Casement Street. The Church halls are in good order, but, following a structural survey of our buildings, it was found that the main meeting house has developed substantial defects and requires major work to be carried out. As to the best way forward, this is currently being reviewed by the Kirk Session and congregational committee. The exterior of the main church building was in need of painting and repair, and it was painted during 2023. There was further expenditure on our church halls, and the total spend on both properties amounted to a repairs and maintenance payment of £21,258. The congregation also owns a manse located at 1 Grange Road, Ballymena, County Antrim, BT42 2DS.



#### **Organisations**

**Sunday School**. Meets on Sunday mornings from September to June. Children of primary and secondary school age are taught the basics of the Christian faith.

**Youth Fellowship**. Meets on Sunday nights from September to Easter. Teenagers get together for fun and fellowship.

**Boys' Brigade**. Meets on Monday nights from September to Easter. A uniformed organisation for boys of primary and secondary school age.

**Parents and Toddlers**. Meets on Tuesday mornings from September to Easter. Parents and young children get together to chat and play.

**First Tuesday (Presbyterian Women).** Meets on the First Tuesday of the month. Encouraging women to take an interest in Christian mission.

**Wednesday Afternoon Fellowship**. Meets from September to Easter. Allows all ages an opportunity to fellowship and socialise.

**Coffee Morning Drop-In**. Meets on Thursday mornings. Open to all ages and gives an opportunity to fellowship and socialise using games, quizzes and food.

**Youth Club**. Meets on Saturday nights from September to Easter. Open to all young people of secondary school age.

**Holiday Bible Club**. Runs for one week during the summer holidays. A large number of primary school age children get together for Bible teaching, games and activities, and at the end of the week on the Friday evening; there is a family BBQ.

**Serve Harryville**. Runs for one week during the summer. Teenagers encouraged to get involved in practical projects helping to improve their local area.



**Fit For Life**. This is a programme for ladies of all ages from around the Harryville area and it runs for six weeks from May – June. Ladies can engage in various activities such as walking, aerobics and crafts. There is normally a guest speaker who speaks at each event. Approximately 80-100 Ladies attend.

**After School Club**. This Club is operated by some members of the congregation for children from the local Harryville Primary School and children from the surrounding area. The children are given help with homework and enjoy other activities. Normally around 18-20 children attend each week.

#### **Volunteers**

The Trustees wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation of those who give freely of their time by serving on committees and helping with organisations and other church activities.



#### **PUBLIC BENEFIT STATEMENT**

The Presbyterian Church in Ireland meets the public benefit requirement by providing benefit to its members and the general public by making known the Christian Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ through the advancement of religion.

The direct benefits which flow from the purposes of the Church include the gaining of an understanding in Christian beliefs as set out in the Bible and in the Church's subordinate standards (the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Shorter and Larger Catechisms) leading to spiritual and moral development and opportunities for response to Bible teaching. In turn, this framework leads to practical expressions of Christian beliefs and standards in the local community such as through the care of those in need (including the sick, disabled and bereaved).

Generally the above benefits are delivered locally by congregations and their members, or are facilitated through presbyteries or are organised and delivered centrally. Local delivery is facilitated by central resources in almost all cases. Public access is made known through the use of notice boards, printed material, press advertisement, websites, and social media or in other ways.

The benefits are demonstrated through regular evaluation of the services and informal and ad-hoc feedback from members, their families, and members of the public.

The purpose does not lead to harm. The only private benefit flowing from our purpose is related to Ministers, Missionaries, Deaconesses, Irish Mission workers and Lay Agents who receive benefits as a result of their holding office or employment. However, this is incidental and necessary in order to further our charitable purpose. There are no other private benefits. The beneficiaries of this purpose are members, their families, other individuals that the Presbyterian Church in Ireland is in direct and indirect contact with, the community in which pastoral services are provided and other communities throughout Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, and worldwide which benefit from our engagement with and support for both Christian and other secular organisations, charities and individual members of the public.

The Kirk Session has had regard to the Charity Commissions Public benefit requirement statutory guidance.



#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

26th March 2024

The congregation's main source of income is members' contributions through the Weekly Freewill Offering. There were 186 contributors during the year 2023, compared to 186 contributors in the year 2022. Donations for the year 2023 amounted to a total of £171,721 compared to £195,322 in the previous year 2022. However, there were a number of legacies and gifts included in the 2022 figure.

Total Income of the congregation (including organisations) during the year 2023 was £228,499 compared to £246,438 in the previous year 2022. During 2023 there was one legacy amount received for £1,000 and this was allocated to our General Fund as it was not restricted for any particular use.

Total expenditure decreased from £204,162 (2022) to £196,946 (2023).

Increased costs to energy providers for oil and electric light and heating in our church buildings still continue to remain at a high level as these costs have risen significantly due to the cost of living crisis.

### STATEMENT OF TRUSTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the annual report and the financial statements of the congregation in accordance with applicable law and generally accepted accounting practice.

As the congregations total income does not exceed £250,000, the Trustees have elected under Section 64(3) of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008 to prepare a receipts and payment account and a statement of assets and liabilities.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the congregation's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time its financial position. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the congregation and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

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# INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF HARRYVILLE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND

I report on the accounts of the Church for the year ended 31 December 2023, which are set out on the following pages

#### Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Commission under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

#### Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act.

My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

- 1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act
- 2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records
- 3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act
- 4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

#### Independent examiner's statement

Jan Mushall

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

John Marshall

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants Ireland MJM McLoughlin LLP 54 Lisburn Road, Belfast, BT9 6AF

26th March 2024



# HARRYVILLE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITY (Receipts and Payments Account) for the year ended 31 December 2023

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
		£	£	£	£	£
Receipts						
Donations and legacies	2	169,502	48,607	-	218,109	239,345
Other trading activities	3	560	-	-	560	660
Investment Income	4	1,509	2,065	-	3,574	431
Other	5	150 	6,107		6,257 	6,002
		171,721	56,779	-	228,500	246,438
Sale of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Sale of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loans Received		-	-	-	-	-
Total Receipts		171,721	56,779		228,500	246,438
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Payments	c	005			005	005
Raising funds Charitable activities	6 7	995	42 227	-	995	995
Investment costs	7	115,593	42,227	-	157,820	167,185
Other	8	16,872	- 21,259	-	- 38,131	2E 002
Other	0	10,672	21,239		36,131	35,982
		133,460	63,486	-	196,946	204,162
Purchase of Investments		-	-	-	-	-
Purchase of fixed assets		-	-	-	-	-
Loan Repayments		-	-	-	-	-
Total Payments		133,460	63,486	-	196,946	204,162
Net receipts / (payments)		38,261	(6,707)	_	31,554	42,276
Transfers between funds		(6,937)	6,937		, -	-
Net movement in funds		31,324	230		31,554	42,276
Funds brought forward		128,187	214,923	-	343,110	300,834
Funds carried forward	11	159,511	215,153		374,664	343,110
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# HARRYVILLE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

### As at 31 December 2023

Ab de 01 Betermber 2020	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Funds	Funds	Funds	2023	2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Funds Reconciliation					
Bank and Cash at start of year	128,187	214,923	-	343,110	300,834
Net movement in funds	31,324	230	-	31,554	42,276
Bank and Cash at end of year	159,511	215,153	-	374,554	343,110
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Bank & Cash Balances					
Bank Deposit Accounts				200,000	-
Bank Current Accounts				136,789	303,593
Organisations				37,875	39,517
				374,664	343,110
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Approved by the Kirk Session at a meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

26th March 2024

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# HARRYVILLE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS 31 December 2023

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

As the total income of the congregation is less than £250,000 the congregation have elected in accordance with the provisions in The Charities (Accounts and Reports Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2015 to prepare its accounts on a receipts and payments basis.

#### **FUND ACCOUNTING**

Endowment funds are funds, the capital of which must be retained either permanently or at the congregation's discretion; the income derived from the endowment is to be used either as restricted or unrestricted income funds depending upon the purpose for which the endowment was established in the first place.

Restricted funds comprise (a) income from endowments which is to be expended only on the restricted purposes intended by the donor and (b) revenue donations or grants for a specific congregational activity intended by the donor. Where these funds have unspent balances, interest on their pooled investment is apportioned to the individual funds on an average balance basis.

Unrestricted funds are income funds which are to be spent on the congregation's general purposes. Designated funds are general funds set aside by the congregation for use in the future.

#### 2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Recorded giving:	135,592	41,438	-	177,030	171,818
Loose collections	943	-	-	943	664
Specified Donations and gifts	8,224	-	-	8,224	19,308
Gift Aid	23,743	7,169	-	30,912	31,082
Legacies and bequest	1,000	-	-	1,000	16,473
	169,502	48,607	-	218,109	239,345



# HARRYVILLE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

**31 December 2023** 

## 3. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Letting of premises	£	£	£	£	£
Trading income	560 - 	- -	<del>-</del> -	560 - 	660
	560	-	<del>-</del>	560	660
4. INVESTMENT INCOME					
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
Deposit interest	£ 1,509	£ 2,065	£ -	£ 3,574	£ 431
	1,509	2,065		3,574	431



# HARRYVILLE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

### **31 December 2023**

### 5. OTHER INCOME

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	<b>Total</b> <b>2023</b> £	<b>Total</b> <b>2022</b> £
Insurance claims	-	-	-	-	-
Other income	150	6,107	-	6,257	6,002
	150	6,107	-	6,257	6,002

## 6. RAISING FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
FWO envelopes	995	-	-	995	995
Fundraising events	-	-	-	-	-
	995	-	-	995	995

### 7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
General Assembly Assessments	15,473	-	-	15,473	25,556
Presbytery fees	681	-	-	681	718
Ministry and support staff costs	90,925	-	-	90,925	78,915
Congregational running expenses	3,267	-	-	3,267	3,300
Donations to Missions and charities	100	27,272	-	27,372	40,043
Governance costs	5,147	14,955	-	20,102	18,653
	115,593	42,227	-	157,820	167,185



# HARRYVILLE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

### **31 December 2023**

### 8. OTHER EXPENDITURE

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total <b>2023</b> £	<b>Total</b> <b>2022</b> £
Properties expenses Other	16,872 -	21,259 -	-	38,131 -	35,982 -
	16,872	21,259	-	38,131	35,982

#### 9. FIXED ASSETS

The congregation owns the Church & Church Hall premises situated at Casement Street and the associated fixtures, fittings, plant and machinery. These have a combined insurance value of £3,330,343 at last renewal date. The Manse buildings have an insurance value of £643,235.

### 10. INVESTMENTS

The congregation has no investments with either the Presbyterian Church in Ireland or any investment institution (2022: £nil)



# HARRYVILLE CONGREGATION OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (cont'd)

### **31 December 2023**

### 11. FUND BALANCES

Fund	Balance at start	Receipts	Payment	Surplus / (Deficit)	Transfer	end
Unrestricted Funds	£	£	£	£	£	£
General Fund	120 107	171 721	122.460	20 261	(C 027)	150 511
General Fund	128,187	171,721	133,460	38,261	(6,937)	159,511
	128,187	171,721	133,460	38,261	(6,937)	159,511
Restricted Funds						
Property/Building Fund	161,943	23,378	21,507	1,871	-	163,814
United Appeal	-	-	12,672	-	(12,672)	-
General Mission Fund	13,053	27,289	14,620	(3)	12,672	13,050
Serve Harryville	410	5	1	4	-	414
Organisational	39,517	6,107	14,686	(8,579)	6,937	37,875
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-
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	214,923	56,779	63,486	(6,707)	6,937	215,153
Endowment Funds						
	-	-	=	=	=	=
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	242 110	220 500	106.046	21 554		274.664
TOtal	343,110	228,500	190,940	31,554		374,664