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Report to the Members 2014

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MARANATHA

REPORT TO THE MEMBERS - 2014

The Maranatha Community is a community of members and friends scattered throughout the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland and overseas, including several European countries, Uganda, Malawi, India, Pakistan, the United States of America and Australia. The Life of the Community is rooted in prayer and a commitment by members to pray and work for UNITY, RENEWAL and HEALING within their local church, community and nation.

During the course of 2014:

- ❖ The Annual Conference was held at Quinta Hall (Shropshire) in January.
- ❖ A national day gathering was held in Birmingham in July.
- ❖ Regional meetings were held in Sheffield in June & October and in Warmington in May & October.
- ❖ There were local group meetings held throughout the United Kingdom, as well as in the Republic of Ireland and Uganda. In general these meet monthly. There are also local Prayer Cells which tend to meet weekly.

In addition, there were bi-monthly meetings in central Manchester, as well as the 'First Sunday' meetings (on the first Sunday of each month).

An important means of communication for the Community and beyond is the Newsletter which is mailed to all members and friends. It is also available electronically. In addition to the Newsletter, there is an e-mail publication ("Spotlight") which comprises individuals' contributions from within the Community and is transmitted four times a year.

A core Leadership Team of three meets regularly during the year. This is supported by a 'Co-ordinating Hub' which meets approximately every 8 weeks. A Communications Team has been established to review every aspect of the Community's communications (external and internal) with particular emphasis being placed on the need to engage with the younger generation.

There has been continual emphasis on links with external bodies and individuals, not least with those who have significant influence in the nation, either as church or business leaders or as academics or Parliamentarians. Also, we strive to respond as effectively as possible to special invitations, enquiries and opportunities which are presented to us.

The third Maranatha Lecture, '*The Persecuted Church: Challenge and Celebration*' was given by Baroness Caroline Cox, in Manchester during November. The purpose of these lectures is to raise the profile of the Community and to encourage open debate on an important subject for the Church and the Nation.

'Trumpet Call' continues to be an important means by which Christians within the Community and beyond are alerted to national issues where prayer and action is needed.

The spiritual life and development of the Community has continued to be nurtured through day gatherings, days of contemplative prayer, and a variety of residential events. There have been many positive testimonies from both members and non-members who have attended these events.

During 2014 weekend retreats were conducted on the subjects:-

- *Rising up as Eagles - Living in Freedom and Abundance*

- *More Love, More Power - Growing together in the likeness of Jesus*
- *Jesus our personal Trainer - Discipleship for the 21st century*
- *Prophets Alive - Seeing and responding to the signs of the times*
- *Communing with God - Hearing the still small voice in a noisy world*

The directed 5-day contemplative retreats comprised:

- ❖ Light out of Darkness Stepping out in Faith (April & September)
- ❖ Light out of Darkness 2 Building with the Spirit (October)
- ❖ Waiting with God in the Desert (September)

A variety of different venues were employed.

Special teaching retreats entitled ‘*Out of the Courtroom and in the Father’s House*’ & ‘*Living in the Father’s House*’ were held in Manchester during February, led by Rev. Allyn Benedict from America.

Healing Ministry is an integral part of the life of the Community and is available at all Maranatha meetings. Individual ministry is arranged by appointment. The Community regularly responds to people with a wide variety of needs.

COMMUNITY ADMINISTRATION

Responsibility for the various aspects of the Community life is carried out almost entirely by members at their own expense. None of the office holders in the Community (leaders; coordinators etc.), receive any financial payment for the work they do.

The Community is serviced from 102 and 104 Irlam Road, Flixton. Within this space are offices, a prayer room and an attractive and welcoming open door to the street, comprising a bookshop and coffee shop (maintained by volunteers).

There were three permanent members of staff employed, together with an Intern. The key aim of the Internship is to provide a structured programme, equipping the individual for life witness and ministry through spiritual and personal development.

Volunteers carry out many tasks relating, among other things, to the maintenance of the buildings and surrounding grounds, to the folding/collating of leaflets and the filling of envelopes to service larger mailings. Volunteers in Ireland arrange for the distribution of mail within the Republic.

The Community produces many publications and resources including teaching notes on Christian doctrine and practice, prayer resources and a variety of audio visual productions giving teaching and testimony.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

1. SHARING THE VISION AND MESSAGE OF THE COMMUNITY

Apart from the Regional Meetings, invitations continue to be received to speak at churches and other meetings to share about the life and work of the Community.

2. SPEAKING FOR CHRISTIAN VALUES, TRUTH AND JUSTICE

A document was prepared at the end of 2013 entitled “A Matter of Life or Death - The Struggle for the Soul of the Nation.” There has been wide ranging consultation on this document throughout the year, with church leaders (from a wide range of denominations) and with others who have spoken to us about their concerns as the future of the United Kingdom. A final consultation is planned for Westminster in January 2015.

Another document has been prepared entitled “Values - The Characteristics of Our British National Identity.” This is intended for anyone who would like to have a simple statement of what it means to be British, linking this to our Christian Foundations. Again, there has been extensive consultation with Christian leaders and a special consultation is to be held in Parliament in January 2015. Already, teachers have found it helpful for covering this new topic in the curriculum.

3. PRAYER AND ACTION FOR THE CHURCH AND THE NATION

In general, links continue to be strengthened with Christian groups across the denominations, with Parliamentarians and others who are concerned to pray for the state of the nation. We are also represented on the national coalition ‘Together for the Nation’.

A report produced by Maranatha on the Persecuted Church has generated considerable interest internationally. A report on Islam is also in circulation. As always, conclusions have been tested against the best evidence available and, to this end, the best expert advice has been sought.

4. RESPONSE TO INDIVIDUALS

Throughout the year the Community has responded to many requests for help from individuals, either at Maranatha gatherings (national and regional), through contact with the Maranatha Office, or through ‘The Ark’ - a home of prayer and healing owned and run by two Community members. Also of significance is the ministry undertaken by Maranatha groups.

Maranatha has continued to visit and to pray and work for healing and reconciliation in Northern Ireland the Republic.

The Community has many volunteers who are trained in Christian healing ministry and is committed to praying for the healing of individuals, irrespective of religion, nationality or tradition. There is substantial evidence that the ministry is effective.

5. FORGING AND STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS IN PRAYER AND ACTION

We actively endeavour to strengthen our links with Church Leaders and Christian groups across the nation. This is part of our calling as we pray for the unity of the Church.

The Community is actively involved in gatherings of church leaders in Manchester and other cities. It is represented at the National Gatherings of Christian Healing UK, the Charismatic Leaders Conference, the National Prayer Leaders Conference and Prayers for Parliament. The Community works closely with other Christian organizations such as the Christian Institute, the Bible Society, Christian Concern and CARE. The Community also works in association with other organizations who are concerned for the persecuted church - Christian Solidarity Worldwide, Open Doors and Barnabas. Maranatha is in contact with many church networks and also has close links with prophetic groupings. Good relations are sought with all denominations of the Christian Church.

6. PRAYING AND WORKING FOR INTER-GENERATIONAL UNITY

We believe that old and young can learn through each other's life experiences. Links with the younger generation have been fostered not least with the appointment of an Intern. Younger Christians have also been encouraged to attend and have an input in the consultations referred to under the heading "Speaking for Christian Values, Truth and Justice." Special emphasis was placed on the need for intergenerational unity at the Annual Conference.

7. COMMUNITY FINANCE

Overview

During the course of 2014 resources expended exceeded incoming resources by £12,052. This figure approximately equates with the increase in wages and national insurance (£11,331). The increase itself is linked to the employment of an Intern, a key objective of the Community at the present time. Indeed, the Trustees accept that during 2015 there will need to be further investment in staff if the Community's objectives are to be achieved.

At the end of 2014, a healthy balance of £250,710 was carried forward.

Financial Planning and Risk Management

An annual budget is set for the Community at the beginning of each year, and financial reports are usually considered on a tri-monthly basis.

It has always been the policy not to require a membership fee but simply to rely on donations and on any surpluses which are generated by various publications and sales. We have neither endowment nor access to grant funding. Neither is it our policy to send out frequent appeal letters, although we might on occasions draw attention to a particular need. Fundamentally, we commit the whole of Maranatha's needs and activities to frequent prayer.

Donors may direct that all or part of their donations are to be used in specific areas of Christian outreach, and it is the policy of the Trustees to respect these requests, adding any tax recovered when these donations are gift-aided, unless the donors request otherwise.

The responsibilities of our Trustees

The Trust, in consultation with the Leadership Team, is concerned to ensure that the objectives of the charity and the charity's mission are pursued in accordance with good stewardship, due diligence and all relevant legal requirements.

The Trustees have a rolling agenda which covers such diverse matters as reviewing management accounts, identifying any need for additional resources, maintenance of property, review of leases, staffing issues, reviewing technology and monitoring the various activities which are undertaken by the Community (bookshop, publishing, retreats etc.).

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose at any time, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position and for safeguarding the assets, and henceforth taking responsible steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees also prepare a financial statement for each financial year which gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs and of the Surplus or Deficit for that year.

In addition, the Trustees ensure that all funds not immediately required are invested properly in accordance with their investment powers.

8. COMMUNITY PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

- We hold to the vision of unity, renewal and healing but accept there must continue to be 'reshaping' of the different areas of ministry which arise from this vision.
- It has become clear that as the Community grows internationally and across the generations, there is a need for new investment in our communications system. This will involve the development of systems within and beyond the Community which will enable the growth and development of the Community itself whilst spreading the vision and message of the Community far and wide. Consequently, there is a need for a comprehensive review of current systems, ranging from interpersonal communications to the use of web-based communications, including a wide variety of social media. We propose to invest in a degree of outsourcing but also in a new post of Communications and Community Development Facilitator.
- We wish to deepen the prayer life of the Community, uniting with Prayer Networks across the nations. Unity in a prayer strategy for the United Kingdom and Ireland is especially important at this time.
- Having observed the needs that are now manifest in individuals, families and communities within this nation, we believe that our healing ministry is also a priority and it is proposed to hold a Maranatha Conference on Healing.
- We will continue to work with Dennis Wrigley Ministries and others in making widely known our concerns on the spiritual state of the nation and in encouraging Christians of all denominations to be a light within their communities and beyond, through prayer and action
- It remains our aim to equip and encourage existing Maranatha groups and to encourage broader participation and input from local members.

We are extremely grateful for all the resources we have - especially for people and for finance - and we remain acutely aware of our need to be good stewards at all times.

April 2015



The MARANATHA COMMUNITY TRUST

Registered Charity No 327627

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2014

The word Maranatha is a prayer meaning

Come Lord Jesus

THE MARANATHA COMMUNITY TRUST

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INFORMATION for the YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2014

Trustees during the year: Michael Doherty (Chairman until 15.03.14)
Michael Kendrick (Chairman from 15.03.14)
Derek Potter (Secretary)
Peter Langley (Treasurer)
John Tame
Heather Williams
Clive Richardson

Community Co Leaders: Dennis Wrigley
Linda Stalley
Juan-Carlos Fernandez-Arias

Address: The Charity's offices are at 102 Irlam Road, Flixton, Manchester, M41 6JT.
The address of the correspondent is:
Homerswood, Boon Street, Eckington, Pershore, WR10 3BL.

Constitution: The Charity is constituted by a Deed of Trust dated 23 November 1987, varied by a Deed of Variation dated 11 May 1988.

Objects: The Object of the Charity is to promote the Christian religion in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and overseas.

Bankers: Charities Aid Foundation,
25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc
The Arndale Centre, Chester Road, Stretford, Manchester, M32 9BH

CCLA Investment Management Ltd,
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4ET

Independent

Examiner: Mr Alan Ramsey FCA, 21 Eastway, Flixton, Manchester M41 8SG

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT to the TRUSTEES of
The MARANATHA COMMUNITY TRUST
Registered Charity No 327627

I have pleasure in reporting on the Accounts of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2014 set out on pages 4 to 8 which have been prepared under the accounting policies set out on page 6.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. The charity's Trustees consider an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an Independent Examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the Accounts (under Section 43 of the Act);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 the Trustees concerning any 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:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
 - to prepare Accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave 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 Ramsey FCA
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MARANATHA COMMUNITY TRUST
Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds Note 9 £	Restricted Funds Note 8 £	Total 2014 £	Total 2013
Incoming Resources						
Voluntary Income		75,679	-	5,349	81,028	260,519
Gift Aid Claims		13,795	-	985	14,780	49,345
Legacy Income		-	-	-	-	9,836
Spiritual Gatherings	2	30,549	2,488	-	33,037	28,118
Sales and Community Activities	4	14,808	-	-	14,808	24,971
Bank Interest Received		728	-	-	728	168
Local Groups		-	-	126	-	126
Other Income		275	-	-	275	-
Total Incoming Resources		135,834	2,362	6,334	144,530	372,744
Resources Expended						
Costs of generating Funds	8	-	-	-	-	1,852
Costs of Spiritual Gatherings	3	25,069	810	-	25,879	24,616
Costs of Sales and Community Activities	5	8,381	1,599	-	9,980	21,347
Charitable Activities	6	113,137	-	-	113,137	102,630
Mission		-	-	7,336	7,336	4,013
Governance	7	250	-	-	250	250
Total Resources Expended		146,837	2,409	7,336	156,582	154,708
Net Incoming Resources for the Year	-	11,003	-	46	-	1,003
Balances brought forward		254,903	6,630	1,230	262,762	44,726
Balances carried forward		243,900	6,584	227	250,710	262,762

MARANATHA COMMUNITY TRUST
BALANCE SHEET
as at 31 December 2014

	Notes	2014	2013
		£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors		9,800	42,131
Stocks		8,842	8,802
Cash at Bank and in hand		238,087	221,147
		<u>256,729</u>	<u>272,080</u>
<i>less Creditors</i>		6,019	9,318
		<u>250,710</u>	<u>262,762</u>
NET ASSETS			
FUNDS			
Restricted	9	227	1,230
Designated Funds	10	6,584	6,629
Unrestricted		243,899	254,903
		<u>250,710</u>	<u>262,762</u>
TOTAL FUNDS			

Approved by the Trustees and Signed on their behalf



Peter Langley

Independend examination carried out by Mr Alan Ramsey FCA



Alan Ramsey

MARANATHA COMMUNITY TRUST

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2014

1.1 Basis of preparation

These Accounts are prepared on the historic cost basis and in conformity with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice Charities SORP 2005. They have been prepared on an accruals basis which means that Receipts and Payments have been adjusted for prepayments and accruals, debtors and creditors at year-end: this basis is consistent with that of previous years.

1.2 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which have not been allocated or designated for any other purpose, and which are therefore available for use at the discretion of the Charity in furtherance of any of its work.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside for particular purposes. They would otherwise form part of General Funds.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with the specific restrictions imposed at the time of the gift, and include Gift Aid Tax recoverable where appropriate.

1.3 Incoming Resources

These are recorded in the Statement of Financial Activities (the SoFA) when Maranatha becomes entitled to the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

1.4 Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised when liabilities are incurred or constructive obligations arise which result in the payment being unavoidable. It is Maranatha's practice to ensure that all invoices are paid by their due date.

1.5 Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the Charity to pay out resources. No future income or expenditure is anticipated in the accounts.

1.6 VAT

Maranatha is not registered for VAT nor is it able to recover VAT suffered on expenditure which it makes.

1.7 Website Development

Expenditure on Website Development is written off as incurred.

1.8 Tangible Fixed Assets

Expenditure on tangible fixed assets which cost less than £2,000 are written off as incurred. There are presently no tangible fixed assets held.

1.9 Staff and Volunteers

At the start of the year three full-time office staff were employed. During the year two full-time Interns were employed for 4 months each, one from May to August, and the other from September to December. At the end of the year the three office staff remained, on permanent contracts. In these accounts NI and tax have been included along with the salary costs. Maranatha has also benefited from the work carried out by many volunteers. In addition to all who support financially on a monthly or other basis, it is estimated that more than 60 volunteers contribute in a host of other practical ways. No financial value has been ascribed in these accounts to this support, but most grateful thanks are expressed to all.

1.10 Trustees

None of the Trustees, or people connected with them, received any remuneration or other benefits from the Charity or any connected organisation as a result of their office during the year or previous year. No Trustee claimed travel expenses during the year (nor the previous year).

MARANATHA COMMUNITY TRUST

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2014 continued

	2014	2013
2 Spiritual Gatherings		
Retreats	28,765	24,662
Meetings	1,784	3,456
	<u>30,549</u>	<u>28,118</u>
Allyn Benedict Retreat	2,488	-
	<u>33,037</u>	<u>28,118</u>
3 Costs of Spiritual Gatherings		
Retreats	24,009	23,132
Meetings	1,060	1,484
	<u>25,069</u>	<u>24,616</u>
Allyn Benedict Retreats	810	-
	<u>25,879</u>	<u>24,616</u>
4 Sales and Community Activities		
Bookshop	11,488	18,414
Taste and See Community Café	3,320	6,557
	<u>14,808</u>	<u>24,971</u>
5 Costs of Sales and Community Activities		
Bookshop	6,989	7,988
Taste and See Community Café	1,392	9,387
	<u>8,381</u>	<u>17,375</u>
The Big Question	1,599	3,972
	<u>9,980</u>	<u>21,347</u>
6 Charitable Expenditure		
Wages & NI	66,786	55,455
Volunteers	99	423
Rent	10,280	12,042
Rates	1,049	1,048
Insurance	1,559	1,469
Repairs	2,326	1,626
Office Utilities	4,998	4,788
Misc Equipment	765	436
Telephone	1,609	1,569
Postage	9,471	10,254
Stationery	6,772	9,075
Travel	3,662	1,700
Subscriptions	347	303
Sundries	684	994
Interest and Charges	413	-
IT & Website development and maintenance	2,317	1,451
Contribution to WDoP Wembley event	-	-
	<u>113,137</u>	<u>102,630</u>

MARANATHA COMMUNITY TRUST

Notes to the Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2014 continued

	2014		2013	
7 Governance				
Independent Examination of accounts		250		250
8 Costs of Generating Funds				
Printing Costs		-		366
Postage		-		1,486
		-		1,852
	Balance			Balance
	31 Dec 2013	Income	Expenditure	31 Dec 2014
9 Restricted Funds				
N Ireland	-	-	-	-
Ark	553	1,859	2,243	169
DW Ministries	435	4	439	-
Malawi	242	3,971	4,154	58
Maranatha Uganda	-	-	-	-
Parkistan Appeal	-	500	500	-
	1,230	6,334	7,336	227
10 Designated Funds				
Allyn Benedict Retreats	1,830	2,488	810	3,508
The Big Question	3,886	-	1,599	2,288
Funds held by local groups	914	-	126	788
	6,630	2,488	2,535	6,584

11 Lease Commitments

The Community has two property leases for the offices. Each lease is open-ended and may be terminated with one month's notice. Notice may be given at any time.

The annual cost of the leases is £10,280 (2013 = £10,280)

Maranatha also has 2 Operating Leases, one of which is for a photocopier.

This has an annual commitment of £2,748 (2013=£2,748). The second lease is for a franking machine with a commitment of £2,497 per annum (2013 = £2,150).

12 Costs of Generating Funds and Governance

Maranatha does very little active fundraising but relies on the regular generosity of its members and friends. Similarly, tasks of Governance are carried out by the Trustees and other volunteers, at no cost to the Community. The cost of Governance in the Accounts is the charge for the Independent Examination of these Accounts.