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Independent examiner's report on the accounts <span style="float: right;">v2</span>							
<b>Report to the trustees/members of</b>	World Day of Prayer Scottish Committee						
<b>Registered charity number</b>	SC020446						
<b>On the accounts of the charity for the period</b>	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year	<b>to</b>	Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2021		31	12	2021
<b>Set out on pages</b>	01-12					(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)	
<b>Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner</b>	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.						
<b>Basis of independent examiner's statement</b>	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.						
<b>Independent examiner's statement</b>	In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention [other than that disclosed on the attached page*]						
	1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to keep accounting records in accordance with section 44(1) (a) of the 2005 Act and Regulation 4 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations, and</li> <li>• to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with Regulation 9 of the 2006 Accounts Regulations</li> </ul> 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.						
<b>Signed:</b>	<i>Louise Akelman</i>			<b>Date:</b>	27/2/22		
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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.

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
Period start date				Period end date			
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	01	01	2021		31	12	2021

## Reference and administration details

<b>Charity name</b>	World Day of Prayer Scottish Committee	
<b>Other names charity is known by</b>		
<b>Registered charity number</b>	SC020446	
<b>Charity's principal address</b>	Delnapot	
	Blacksboat	
	Ballindalloch	
	Bánffshire	Postcode AB37 9BQ

## 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	Margaret Broster	Convenor		World Day of Prayer Scottish Committee
2	Janet Whyte	Vice Convenor		
3	Suzanne Foster	Treasurer		
4	Marjorie Paton	Secretary		
5	Barbara Leppard	Assistant Secretary		
6	Alison Chalmers	Minute Secretary		
7	Ann Bowie	CD Distributor		
8	Mary Kidd	Committee Member		
9	Mary Welsh	"		
10	Christian Williams	"		
11	Elizabeth Blair	Co-opt		
12	Rev Ann Wren	Committee Member		
13	Margaret Roy	"		
14	Rev Elizabeth Mackay	"		
15	Jo Love	"		
16	Mary Pickstone	"		
17	Nina Cryne	"		
18	Major Irene Houston	" "		
19	Kathryn Howc	Co-opt		
20	Helen M Mee	Committee Member		

**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 4th March 2021, The World Day of Prayer was celebrated by people gathering together 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 'Build on a strong foundation', prepared by Christian women of Vanuatu.

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

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### Achievements and performance

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

During the year under review a grant of £5,500 was given to the Scottish Bible Society, £5,500 to Feed the Minds and £7,000 to the Vanuatu Charites, £1,500 to the International Committee, £1,000 to the European Committee. In recent years donations have been made to help those affected by HIV, AIDS or human trafficking. Grants are agreed and made by the committee on an annual basis.

During 2021 donations have continued to the World Day of Prayer to meet the cost of the International Conference 2022 which we had hoped to be held at the Edinburgh University but with the continuing problems of Covid restrictions around the world we are now looking to see the feasibility of holding the Conference on a virtual platform. The funds for this event are held in the Skipton Bank account as restricted funds and as a committee we are hopeful that this event will take place in June 2022 in whichever format we are able to do. Once again, in Scotland, the Covid restrictions have caused problems with Churches being unable to hold a World Day of Prayer resulting in a downturn of offerings. We have, however, been very fortunate that people are still forwarding by post, online or Paypal donation button, offerings to enable the Committee to continue their work.

All Committee meetings were held on Zoom, including those with the International Committee, we have also been very fortunate in meeting on Zoom for 'Global Conversations' with committee members around the world. In October we were very fortunate to have a small window in which the Committee could meet at Schoenstatt for a retreat and to discuss various items.

### 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. The Committee consider that this level is appropriate to ensure the ongoing work of World Day of Prayer.

The restricted account for the International Conference will not be used until 2022

#### Details of any deficit

Once again we find that we do have a deficit due to the Covid restrictions during 2021

#### Donated facilities and services (if any)

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### 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)	<i>PP Janet Wylie</i>	<i>S Foster</i>
Full name(s)	Mrs Margaret Broster	Mrs Suzanne Foster
Position (e.g. Chair)	<i>PP Janet Wylie</i> Convenor	Treasurer
Date	29/3/22	29/3/22