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Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2018

Charity number SC033740

SCOTTISH CHURCHES CHINA GROUP SCIO

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Charity Information

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The list of names of the Trustees during the period is provided in the Trustees' Report on Page 2.

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SCOTTISH CHURCHES CHINA GROUP SCIO

Report of the Trustees for the period ended 31 December 2018

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year to 31 December 2018.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Scottish Churches China Group (SCCG) is an SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation). This SCIO was incorporated on 19 September 2012 as a result of a 'Change to SCIO' application by SC033740 Scottish Churches' China Group, which was an unincorporated association registered as a charity since 2 October 2002.

The SCCG is an ecumenical group incorporating representatives of Christian churches and fellowships in Scotland. We work closely with others including the Amity Foundation in China and the China Forum of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI).

The denominational members of the Scottish Churches China Group are:

- Chinese Fellowship
- Church of Scotland
- Roman Catholic Church
- Scottish Episcopal Church
- Society of Friends (Quakers)
- United Free Church of Scotland

Trustees direct the work of the SCCG and are known as the Management Committee. Members of the SCCG have voting rights and meet in Plenary sessions twice a year. Plenary meetings are open to anyone who is interested in our work or would like to learn more about China.

Charitable Purposes

The purposes of the charity are the advancement of education, to promote good health and promote the benefit in the interest of social welfare of those living in China; to advance the education of the general public, membership of SCCG, churches and secular institutions about the cultural, social, political and religious aspects of China; and to promote, advance, encourage and support the Christian witness in China.

Trustees

The Trustees who served throughout the period and to the date of this report were as follows:-

Rev Alan F Miller (Convener)

Lyn Mitchell (Vice Convener)

Kenneth A Roy (Treasurer)

Simon McAulay

Rev Val Nellist

Tom Nisbet

Paul Graham (appointed January 2019)

Appointment of Trustees

New Trustees are nominated for appointment by the existing Trustees. There is no fixed term for Trusteeship. As part of their induction programme, new Trustees are required to understand their statutory responsibilities. Trustees met regularly throughout the year.

Activities and Achievements

'Scots in China' television documentary

In March 2018, the SCCG was approached by Matchlight Production to discuss whether any of our projects were suitable for inclusion in a BBC-commissioned documentary that looked at the role of Scots in China's ongoing development. Matchlight decided they wanted to film some of the SCCG's work with Shengjing Hospital. Part of the appeal, for them, was the fact that the hospital had been founded by a Scot in 1883. The decision to include some of the Shengjing work was only the start of the process. As would be expected formal permissions had to be granted to Matchlight by the State Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film, and Television (SAPPRFT).

However, the step before that was to get the agreement of the President of the hospital for filming and interviews to take place. There was an animated discussion among senior staff around what permissions would be required, what the filming might entail, which areas could be filmed and who would be the 'named' person i.e. the Shengjing Hospital's point of contact for Matchlight. Finally, everyone was in agreement and Matchlight were given the go ahead to include Shengjing Hospital on their formal permission application.

Filming took place on 12 June in the Nanhu Campus of Shengjing Hospital. The focus of the piece was



the Palliative Care Ward and the development of a primary care (GP) system. Currently, everyone goes directly to a hospital for medical support, resulting in extremely busy Out Patient Departments. As part of over six hours of filming, the SCCG Advisor and Dr Wang Yumei were interviewed by Neil Oliver enabling us to share, in more depth, the impact of this long-term partnership. The viewers will see a highly modern hospital but it is hoped that, through the interviews, they will learn of the skills gap in the medical system

with which the SCCG is helping.

[The Scots in China series was broadcast on BBC Two in January 2019.]

SCCG Website and Publicity Officer

On April 1 2018, Gillian McKinnon was appointed SCCG Website and Publicity Officer, thanks to funding from the Dr AHF Barbour Trust. Gillian has worked as Communication Officer for the Church of Scotland and is currently part-time Communication Coordinator at the City of Edinburgh Methodist Church. She has more than thirty years' experience in radio, and worked in production/research at BBC Scotland. Gillian is responsible for the SCCG website and social media, and is developing opportunities to increase public awareness of the work of the SCCG.

Heart and Soul event 2018

This year, the SCCG had a stand at the Church of Scotland's Heart and Soul event. This is held in Princes St Gardens, Edinburgh, on the first Sunday of the Church of Scotland General Assembly in May. The weather was kind to us and many people attended the event which runs from noon to 6.00pm. With a stand on the main pathway we had many visitors interested in hearing about the range of work in which the SCCG is involved.

International Conference in Tianjin

The SCCG was asked to provide an expert speaker who would address an international conference in April 2018 on end of life care for patients who have dementia. The conference was organised by the Chinese Geriatrics Association. Dr Barbara Sharp, Policy & Research Advisor, Public Policy, at Alzheimer Scotland, kindly agreed to undertake this visit. The conference was held in Tianjin and proved very informative.



BTA 'Scoping Report'

As partners request more staff capacity training, the Management Committee has focussed its thinking around how to increase funding, both core and project based. Fundraising is not an easy task for any charity, however there are additional issues faced by the SCCG. These include China not being perceived as a country that requires any charitable assistance: China has been removed from the Department for International Aid list and will not be considered by many grant makers. In addition, the fact that the SCCG is a faith-based organisation means that, for some grant providers, those who will fund faith-based organisations on the basis that they will seek converts, the SCCG's strict adherence to Chinese laws against proselytising prohibits an application from us. For other grant makers, who will not fund faith-based organisations that proselytise, the SCCG's assurance of our adherence to Chinese rules and regulations is insufficient to make an application acceptable. Furthermore, fundraising is highly competitive and time consuming. It was against this backdrop that the SCCG Management Committee commissioned a 'Scoping Report' from BTA (formerly Bruce Tait Associates). This Report detailed a range of funders and grant makers who would, potentially, support many areas of our work.

New Roman Catholic representative on the Management Committee

Mr Paul Graham has been appointed to the Management Committee to represent the Roman Catholic Church. Paul, a Deacon from Paisley Diocese, is Head of Spiritual Care and Well Being Department, NHS Lanarkshire.

Partner Collaboration and Support:

Palliative Care Development, Liaoning Province

Dr Wang Yumei continues to develop Palliative Care Services in Shengjing Hospital and in the wider Liaoning Province. While an understanding of the role of palliative and end of life care is growing in China, there is still a degree of scepticism, culturally, as to its value and need. Doctors are expected to use their skills to cure patients so there is little acknowledgement of the importance of specialised palliative care for patients with a terminal diagnosis and their families.

Rende Foundation, Shanghai

At the end of July, Wang Wanxin, the former Director of the Amity Children's Development Centre and the Home of Blessings, was promoted to General Secretary of the Rende Foundation, Shanghai. The Rende Foundation is part of The Amity Foundation. The SCCG sent its congratulations to Wang Wanxin and indicated our interest in working with her in her new role.

The Amity Foundation

On 16 September Ms Ling Chunxiang was elected the new General Secretary of the Amity Foundation. Ms. Ling started work for the Amity Foundation in 1999.

Mr Qiu Zhonghui, the previous General Secretary was elected Chair of the Amity Board on April 2018. The SCCG sent their congratulations to both Ms Ling and Mr Qiu.

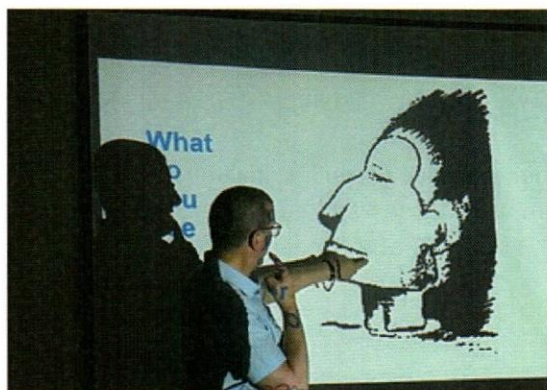
President Guo Qiyong

Since 2004 the SCCG has enjoyed a strong working relationship with President Guo Qiyong, President of

Shengjing Hospital. During his time in office President Guo oversaw huge infrastructure works on the Nanhu and Hua Xiang campuses of the Hospital. He was also behind the building of the new Shen Bei Rehabilitation Centre and the Benxi Campus. Under his leadership the growth of Shengjing Hospital was unprecedented, making it one of the main hospitals in, not only Liaoning Province, but throughout China. President Guo has always been supportive of the Shengjing Hospital/SCCG partnership and continually encouraged his staff to take training and development opportunities offered to them. It has been a privilege to work with President Guo and the SCCG wish him well in his retirement.

Project Updates

(a) Shenyang based projects:



Palliative Care Ward Spiritual Care Training

We facilitated Paul Graham, Head of Spiritual Care and Wellbeing Department, NHS Lanarkshire, to travel to Shengjing Hospital, Shenyang, in May, to run further Spiritual Care Training for doctors and nurses working in the Palliative Care Ward. This followed on from the previous training given by Rev Ian Stirling.

Much of the work focused on how the staff can build resilience and ensure their own wellbeing as they work with patients and families in a palliative and end of life setting. This is particularly

important for staff working in a Chinese context where, for cultural reasons, a decision may have been taken by the family not to inform the patient of their prognosis. Doctors and nurses are then faced with trying to create an environment where the patient can have a 'good death' while colluding with the family silence. All of this can increase stress levels among staff who are continually having to filter their words and actions. Processes such as Values Based Reflective Practice (VBRP) enable staff to discuss and work through the emotional impact, upon themselves, of their role. This aids their own wellbeing which in turns enables them to deliver good patient-centred care.

Rehabilitation Centre Training

This area of work requires much more development. Prof Zhang, Head of the Rehabilitation Centre, requested a Physiotherapist or Occupational Therapist to spend up to a month at the Centre running some training workshops and case study sessions with Centre staff. Serious consideration was given to this but it was felt there was not the basic, foundational knowledge among Chinese staff to make this a productive placement. Currently discussions are ongoing with Glasgow City College Occupational Therapy Department to try and identify an online training course that could be used by Chinese rehabilitation staff. One of the issues is that very few of the staff have a level of English that would enable them to take on these studies.

GP Training Programme

The Chinese Government is encouraging hospitals to develop a primary care system to take some of the pressure off the acute care facilities. Currently, anyone requiring medical attention goes directly to hospital. This is putting increasing pressure on the acute sector. In response to this directive, Shengjing Hospital asked the SCCG to help develop GP training services. The SCCG responded in two different ways:

- In May, the SCCG enabled Marie Graham, a highly-experienced community-based specialist nurse to spend a week in Shenyang giving lectures and running a series of seminars for staff attached to the GP Training Unit.

- A Scholarship was offered to study for a Masters in Family Medicine at Edinburgh University.



Marie's training was very well received but the Chinese doctors still struggle to see the value of GPs. The general understanding, among medics and the wider society, is that a good medical student will specialise in a particular field of work (e.g. cardiology, surgery) and will then go and work in a large hospital to progress their career. As a GP is not seen as being a specialist, they are viewed as being second-class doctors who are not good enough to work in any other field. It is that perspective that explains the reluctance of medical students to choose to

become a GP.

Caritas Social Service Centre (CSSC), Community-based Spiritual Care

This project is now in its second year. Between 1 Oct 2017 to 30 June 2018, 94 people (81 patients, 13 family members) were visited. In addition, 39 families benefit from support, including 79 hospital visits, 5 visits by family members, 10 family visits.

Humanitarian assistance, totaling 23,179 yuan, was given out, benefitting 17 families, including five families who received assistance with medical fees. Among them were three middle-aged and elderly patients with terminal cancer and 14 children with leukemia. The majority of these families came from rural areas; all live in poverty.

(b) Nanjing based projects:

The Amity Foundation Social Services Division

In April 2018, Jasmine Miller (formerly Principal of New Struan School, now *Jasmine Miller Coaching*) and the SCCG Advisor travelled to Nanjing to carry out an evaluation of three main projects:

- Support for staff working in the Amity Children's Development Centre (ACDC), a small unit for preschool and primary age children with additional needs.
- Support for staff working in the Amity Home of Blessings, a training centre for adults with learning difficulties.
- Training for staff working with elderly people, especially those living with dementia.

A number of issues emerged during this visit, particularly in relation to children with additional needs.

In a Chinese context, there is little understanding currently of the issues faced by a child with additional needs, and their families. There is a belief that the child needs 'rehabilitation' (to be cured) before they can be integrated into mainstream services. As a result, a child with additional needs is not allowed to attend a mainstream kindergarten and is not encouraged to go to primary school. If they do, they must be accompanied, at all times, by a parent.

It became increasingly obvious that if staff are to provide an environment in which every child can develop to their full potential, staff need to be highly trained in using the latest pedagogical approaches and methodology to present a range of learning opportunities. Professional training would also place staff in a better position to be 'influencers' as they address some of the perceptions within wider society as to the value and potential in every child. Therefore, the SCCG has offered to fund a Scholarship to study for a Masters in Special Education and Inclusion. One member of staff has been selected to undertake this study and is currently working to obtain the required English language level.



Leeds University Project

Exploratory meetings have taken place between Dr Caroline Fielder (Leeds University), Jasmine Miller (Jasmine Miller Coaching) and the SCCG Advisor to look at a joint project that will focus on research and training based around the Amity Children's Development Centre (ACDC). The research will look at current attitudes in China towards children with additional needs and their families. This is not just the attitude of society in general but also that of educational and government institutions. Following research, a focused training module will be given to ACDC staff. A specific training need will be identified and addressed by a module devised by Jasmine Miller.

Care of the Elderly Services

Following the evaluation visit in April, staff working in the Care of the Elderly Services requested assistance with evaluating the Dementia Friends Programme. Mairi Houldsworth, Care Co-ordinator and Dementia Champions Lead, at University Hospital Hairmyres, was pleased to be able to undertake this visit. She travelled to Nanjing in November and spent six days evaluating the Programme, running staff training seminars and offering support sessions to carers.

Among the feedback received from Amity staff were the following comments:

"The training meets the needs of the participants and is highly relevant and instructive."

"There are elderly people with Sundowners Syndrome in The Amity Rengu Nursing Home, but we didn't know why the elderly were emotionally irritated at dusk before, and after training we know how to serve such elderly people."

Plans are already in place for a follow-up visit.

Financial Review

The Trustees received grants, donations and gift aid amounting to £26,275 during the year, including modest bank interest. Expenditure incurred costs of £35,728 leaving a deficit for the year of £9,453, 2017 surplus £1,484.

Unrestricted Funds received during the year were £11,895 and expenditure £15,807. The unrestricted deficit for the year of £3,912 (2017: Surplus £5,440) reduced unrestricted funds to £14,545 (2017 £18,457).

Restricted Funds received during the year amounted to £14,380 and £19,921 was spent, leaving a deficit for the year of £5,541 (2017: Deficit £3,956) and restricted funds balance at the year-end of £19,366 (2017 £24,907)

Reserves

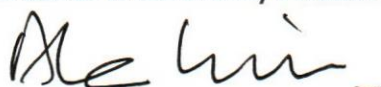
The Trustees have not set a policy on Reserves while the charity had no fixed expenditure commitments for unrestricted funds. During the year, the Trustees continued to employ a project worker part time to develop the work of the charity. Some of the employment costs are funded by a grant restricted for that purpose and the remainder is paid from unrestricted funds. The Trustees are making efforts to raise regular support to extend the unrestricted funds and aim to maintain a minimum of £5,000 at any time.

Plans for future period

We will continue to support the existing projects for which we have funding, continue good communication with partners in China listening to their advice on needs that we might assist with and we will continue to seek funding for new projects.

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees



Rev Alan Miller
Trustee

Dated: 12. 3. 19

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees

I report on the accounts of Scottish Churches China Group SCIO (SCO33740) for the period ended 31 December 2018 which are set out on pages 9 to 11.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees 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) (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.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

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 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 view given by the accounts.

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 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 Regulationshave 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.



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Date 13 MARCH 2019

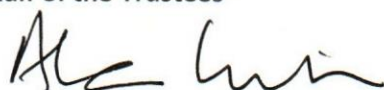
Statement of Receipts and PaymentsFor the year to 31st December 2018

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds 2018 £	Total Funds 2017 £
Receipts				
Grants	1,060	14,380	15,440	19,491
Donations & Gift Aid	10,826	-	10,826	14,271
Bank Interest	9	-	9	22
Total receipts	11,895	14,380	26,275	33,784
Payments				
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	15,807	19,921	35,728	32,300
Grants and donations				-
Total Payments	15,807	19,921	35,728	32,300
Net receipts / (payments)	(3,912)	(5,541)	(9,453)	1,484
Transfers to / (from) funds				
Surplus / (deficit) for year	(3,912)	(5,541)	(9,453)	1,484

Statement of Balances at 31 December 2018

Bank Balances at start of year	18,457	24,907	43,364	1,484
Surplus/(Deficit for year)	(3,912)	(5,541)	(9,453)	41,880
Bank Balance at end of year	14,545	19,366	33,911	43,364

Signed on behalf of the Trustees


Rev Alan Miller
Trustee

Date

12. 3. 2019

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 December 2018

1. Accounting Policies

Accounting Convention

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, and in accordance with the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Receipts and Payments Account

For the purpose of the Receipts and Payments account as shown on page 3, funds are defined as follows:

Unrestricted funds – this comprises grants and other income received for the objects of the charity without further specified purpose and are available as general funds.

Restricted funds – are received for specific purposes.

2. Tangible fixed assets The Charity does not hold any fixed assets

3. Transactions with Trustees

There were no transactions with Trustees other than reimbursement of out of pocket expenses.

4. Donations Received

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2018	2017
	£	£	£	£
Donations from individual supporters	8,735	-	8,735	9,091
Gift Aid	2,091	-	2,091	2,430
Donations from Christian and other organisations	-	-	-	2,750
	10,826	-	10,826	14,271

5. Grants Received

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2018	2017
	£	£	£	£
Grants from Christian and other organisations	1,060	-	1,060	250
Grant from Barbour Trustees	-	14,380	14,380	19,241
	1,060	14,380	15,440	19,491

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 December 2018 (con't)

1. Grants made

Type of activity or project supported	Individual/Institution	2018 £	2017 £
Advancement of education	Individual	-	-
Advancement of health		-	-
Advancement of religion	Institution	-	-
Relief of those in need by reason of disadvantage		-	-
Total		-	-

Restricted Funds	Balance 1/1/18 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Balance 31/12/18 £
Barbour Trust				
Children's Development Centre/ASD training & Nanjing Child Development Project at New Struan House (£1807+£1121)	2,928	-	1,956	970
Talking Mats accreditation project £3500, Spinal Injuries Training (Glasgow)£3500, Rehabilitation Training (China)/AHP Lecturer £1002	4,574	-	-	4,574
Shenyng Spiritual Care Project	1,443	-	1,443	-
Spiritual Care in the Community (Father Zhang, from China) £1,443, Paliative Care training £318, Spiritual Care Lead training £2,000	318		318	-
	2,000		1,217	783
Sister Mary Pan: for people with learning difficulties	165	-	-	165
Training Materials for Alzheimer's Disease, translation into Mandarin	1,000	-	1,000	-
SCCG Advisor employment	6,929	4,000	4,817	6,112
Eric Liddell Centre visit to China/Spiritual Care lead training *	2,000	-	-	2,000
Amity staff management training	250	-	250	-
GP Training Development plan	1,800	-	-	1,800
Amity staff training vulnerable groups	1,500	-	-	1,500
Spiritual Care programme Liaoning Diocese Caritas Centre		7,000	7,000	-
Raising public awareness of SCCG		2,880	1,920	960
Upgrading libraries at Seminaries and Bible Schools in China		500	-	500
Barbour Trust totals	24,907	14,380	19,921	19,366
Total Restricted Funds	24,907	14,380	19,921	19,366