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Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2019

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 2019

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year to 31 December 2019.

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

Spiritual Care Speaker – In early 2019, a request was received via Dr Wang Yumei, Director of the Palliative Care Ward, Hua Xiang Hospital, to provide a speaker to address a conference in Hangzhou about the role of Spiritual Care in a Palliative setting. We arranged for this to be undertaken by Paul Graham, Head of Spiritual Care and Well Being, NHS Lanarkshire. On arrival in Hangzhou, Mr Graham was invited to participate in a TV interview/discussion on this topic. It is encouraging to see the profile of both Palliative and Spiritual Care being raised.



Fundraising through the 'Kiltwalk' – A new project with the Caritas Social Service Centre (CSSC) Shenyang, is 'The Little Sunflowers Project'. This project supports rural children (and their families), in Liaoning Province, who have been diagnosed with leukaemia. The children can face isolation and stigma so part of the project is to provide play resources to help them process what they feeling/facing. As well as supporting the children and their families it also seeks to raise awareness among medical staff and the general public about some of the social and psychological issues patients and their families face. As part of the SCCG's fundraising a number of supporters took part in the 2019 Kiltwalks in Glasgow, Aberdeen and Edinburgh. As a result of their efforts almost £3,000 was raised for this

project.

Amity Staff Visit – The Friends of the Church in China (FCC) invited Amity staff member, Xie Jie, to the UK for a six-week observational visit. For Amity, Xie Jie has responsibility for developing climate protection and recycling programmes in rural China. The FCC invited the SCCG to participate in this visit and we welcomed her to Scotland from 11th to 19th May. While in Scotland Xie Jie visited a number of projects including Eco-Congregation; Viridor recycling; Earthship Fife; Greenspace Scotland and a John Muir Trust Project in the Borders.



Heart and Soul Event – On Sunday 19th May the SCCG again had a stand at the Church of Scotland's Heart and Soul Event. The theme of the event was 'Jesus said, "Follow Me"' and our application highlighted the way in which the work of the SCCG is a response to our faith and call to service. For 2019 the Management Committee decided to have a larger stand to enable people to come inside the tent and see more closely the work of the SCCG with our partners in Shenyang and Nanjing. We were delighted with the response we got and the number of people stopping by to find out more about our partnerships and projects.

European Network of Amity Partners (ENAP) Meeting – The ENAP Meeting took place in London between 4th-6th July 2019. As well as partners from a number of European countries, the meeting was attended senior Amity Foundation staff from Nanjing and Hong Kong, including the recently appointed General Secretary Ling Chunxiang. A number of topics were discussed including Amity's increasing global

presence and a request for European partners to help facilitate further expansion. There was also a suggestion, from Amity, that the Easter Amity Visit be re-instated. Two different types of visits could be developed. The first would seek to engage with Church leaders and members while the second would be tailored to staff involved in international development. Discussion around this looked at issues of timing, Easter isn't a good time for Church groups to be involved in an overseas visit, and political concerns within China.

One highlight of the year for the Amity Printing Co was the production of the 200 millionth Bible in November 2019. To mark this auspicious occasion a formal celebration took place on November 11th to which all ENAP partners were invited.

ENAP 2021 will be held in Helsinki at which the SCCG, once again, looks forward to playing an active role.



'Dementia Friends' Training

In September 2019, we arranged for Mairi Houldsworth to return to Nanjing to run further training for Amity staff working with elderly people, especially those living with dementia. During her week in Nanjing she ran additional training for the Amity staff she worked with in November 2018. As part of this visit the SCCG gifted a 'Class in a Bag' to Amity staff.

From Nanjing, Mairi travelled to Shenyang to work with Caritas Social Service Centre (CSSC) staff. Earlier in 2019, CSSC started working with elderly people so they were delighted to have the opportunity to work with Mairi.

While in Shenyang Mairi worked with CSSC concerning the different types of dementia, symptoms and stages of the illness. She also met with clients who come along to a lunch club and was able to speak about the importance of an early diagnosis. A diagnosis of dementia can lead to stigma and isolation so people are wary of seeing a doctor. For many years the CSSC has also provided support services to people in Shenyang who are living with HIV/AIDS. Mairi was invited to speak to a group there about HIV/AIDS and dementia.



Caritas Social Service Staff (CSSC) Visit to Scotland – In November Father Joseph Zhang, Director of CSSC and staff member, Li Zhaohui, arrived in Scotland for a two-week observational visit. Initially the request had been to visit faith-based organisations who provide outreach and support programmes for the most vulnerable in society. However, following the dementia training delivered in China in November by Mairi Houldsworth, we were asked to include meetings with staff working with people living with dementia. A very full programme was organised which included visits to The Hope Café; Glasgow Street Pastors; Craigielea Residential Care Home; Glasgow City Mission; and East Kilbride Dementia Carers.

Amity Children’s Development Centre (ACDC) Research/Training Project

This project has now been approved by the SCCG Management Committee and will involve a research element that 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 an analysis of the research findings, a focused training module, identified by Jasmine Miller of Jasmine Miller Coaching and senior Amity staff, will be provided for ACDC staff as they continue to develop their professional skills.

Funding – The SCCG are very grateful to the Dr AHF Barbour Trust, the Souter Trust and the Pollock Memorial Missionary Trust for funding during 2019. Along with individual donations these grants have enabled the SCCG to continue and develop the projects being carried out by our partners.

Financial Review

The Trustees received grants, donations and gift aid amounting to £27,045 during the year, including modest bank interest. Expenditure incurred costs of £30,026 leaving a deficit for the year of £2,981 (2018: £9,453).

Unrestricted Funds received during the year were £10,002 (2018: £11,895) and expenditure £6,704 (2018: £15,807). The unrestricted surplus for the year of £3,298 (2018: deficit £3,912) increased unrestricted funds to £17,843 (2018 £14,545).

Restricted Funds received during the year amounted to £17,043 (2018: £14,380) and £23,322 (2018: £19,921) was spent, leaving a deficit for the year of £6,279 (2018: £5,541) and restricted funds balance at the year-end of £13,087 (2018 £19,366)

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:

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 2019 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 Regulations

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.

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Date

Statement of Receipts and PaymentsFor the year to 31st December 2019

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Restricted funds £ | Total funds 2019 £ | Total Funds 2018 £ |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Receipts | | | | |
| Grants | 5,800 | 16,880 | 22,680 | 15,440 |
| Donations & Gift Aid | 4,199 | 163 | 4,362 | 10,826 |
| Bank Interest | 3 | - | 3 | 9 |
| Total receipts | 10,002 | 17,043 | 27,045 | 26,275 |
| Payments | | | | |
| Payments relating directly to charitable activities | 6,704 | 23,322 | 30,026 | 35,728 |
| Total Payments | 6,704 | 23,322 | 30,026 | 35,728 |
| Net receipts / (payments) | 3,298 | (6,279) | (2,981) | (9,453) |
| Transfers to / (from) funds | - | - | - | - |
| Surplus / (deficit) for year | 3,298 | (6,279) | (2,981) | (9,453) |

Statement of Balances at 31 December 2019

| | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------|----------------|----------------|
| Bank Balances at start of year | 14,545 | 19,366 | 33,911 | 43,364 |
| Surplus/(Deficit for year) | 3,298 | (6,279) | (2,981) | (9,453) |
| Bank Balance at end of year | 17,843 | 13,087 | 30,930 | 33,911 |

Signed on behalf of the TrusteesRev Alan Miller
Trustee

Date _____

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 December 2019

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 | 2019 | 2018 |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Donations from individual supporters | 1,430 | 150 | 1,580 | 8,735 |
| Gift Aid | 360 | 13 | 373 | 2,091 |
| Donations from fundraising | 2,409 | | 2,409 | - |
| | 4,199 | 163 | 4,362 | 10,826 |

5. Grants Received

| | Unrestricted | Restricted | 2019 | 2018 |
|---|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Grants from Christian and other organisations | 5,800 | - | 5,800 | 1,060 |
| Grant from Barbour Trustees | | 16,880 | 16,880 | 14,380 |
| | 5,880 | 16,880 | 22,680 | 15,440 |

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the period ended 31 December 2019 (con't)

1. Grants made

| Restricted Funds | Balance 1/1/19 £ | Income £ | Expenditure £ | Balance 31/12/19 £ |
|---|------------------------|---------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| Barbour Trust | | | | |
| Children's Development Centre/ASD training & Nanjing Child Development Project at New Struan House (£1807+£1121) | 970 | | | 970 |
| Talking Mats accreditation project £3500, Spinal Injuries Training (Glasgow)£3500, Rehabilitation Training (China)/AHP Lecturer £1002 | 4,574 | | 4,574 | - |
| Shenyang Spiritual Care Project | - | | | |
| Spiritual Care in the Community (Father Zhang, from China) £1,443, Palliative Care training £318, Spiritual Care Lead training £2,000 | 783 | 3,500 | 3,500 | 783 |
| Sister Mary Pan: for people with learning difficulties | 165 | | | 165 |
| SCCG Advisor employment | 6,114 | 6,000 | 9,132 | 2,982 |
| Eric Liddell Centre visit to China/Spiritual Care lead training * | 2,000 | | | 2,000 |
| GP Training Development plan | 1,800 | | | 1,800 |
| Amity staff training vulnerable groups | 1,500 | | 1,500 | - |
| Raising public awareness of SCCG | 960 | 2,880 | 2,880 | 960 |
| Upgrading libraries at Seminaries and Bible Schools in China | 500 | | | 500 |
| Amity Foundation Dementia Friends training | | 2,000 | 1,573 | 427 |
| Amity Foundation Social Services – Scottish visit | | 2,500 | - | 2,500 |
| Barbour Trust totals | 19,366 | 16,880 | 23,159 | 13,087 |
| Class in a Bag | | 163 | 163 | - |
| Total Restricted Funds | 19,366 | 17,043 | 23,322 | 13,087 |