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Annual Report

Year ended 31 December 2021

Charity number SC033740

SCOTTISH CHURCHES' CHINA GROUP

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Charity Information

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SCOTTISH CHURCHES' CHINA GROUP

Report of the Trustees for the year ended 31 December 2021

The Trustees are pleased to present their report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year to 31 December 2021.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Scottish Churches' China Group (SCCG) is an SCIO (Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation) governed by its Constitution. 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
- United Reform Church

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 year and to the date of this report were as follows:-

Rev Alan F Miller (Convener)

Lyn Mitchell (Vice Convener)

Rev Val Nellist

Simon MacAulay

Tom Nisbet

Rev Paul Graham

Rev Dr John McNeil Scott

Rev Canon Terence Taggart (appointed 19 October 2021)

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.

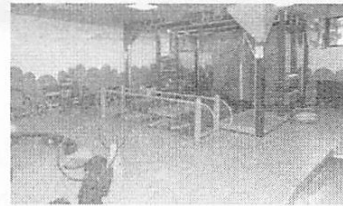
Activities, Achievements and Performance

In 2021, the continuing pandemic once again badly affected our hopes of travel to and from China, and ensured it was a difficult year in terms of developing current programmes and establishing new pieces of work. But we have been grateful for the technology that has allowed us to keep in touch with our partners in China and for the progress made despite the difficulties.

The ongoing travel issues caused by the pandemic meant there could be no partner or exchange visits for a second consecutive year. With the ever-changing social and political situation in China remaining very complex the lack of face-to-face visits made keeping up-to-date with partner situations all the more essential but that much more difficult. Our partnerships are longstanding, based on trust and mutual respect but much more effort has had to be put in, over the past two years, to maintain them. Regular email contact has kept all parties updated on what is happening in our own particular spheres.

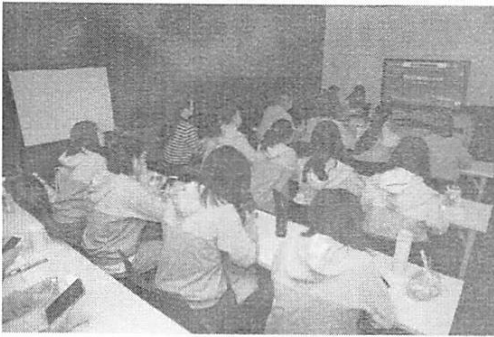
We don't know when Covid restrictions will be relaxed enough to allow partner and exchange visits to resume. Until then, the SCCG will continue to be guided by the needs and priorities of our partners and will respond as fully as each situation allows. Even in the midst of the pandemic, there have been positives in terms of the work of the SCCG.

Masters in Inclusion and Special Educational Needs (Birmingham University; start date September 2022) – A new candidate has been selected to study for this Masters after the original candidate felt they could not meet the language requirements. The candidate is a senior member of the teaching team at the Amity Children's Development Centre. As a member of the senior teaching and management team, this staff member is involved in key discussions with community leaders and decision makers, as well as with colleagues. Being able to influence decisions, from a place of expertise and knowledge, has the potential to lead to significant progress being made in the provision of educational and societal support for children with additional needs. Cascading their learning throughout the Centre staff team will enable skills sharing and staff development. The SCCG is very grateful to Dr Caroline Fielder, Lecturer in Chinese Studies, Leeds University and former Amity teacher, for offering to support the staff member in building their English language skills.



Masters in Dementia Studies (Stirling University; start date September 2022) – There were lengthy discussions around the selection of a suitable candidate. Besides finding an individual who could attain the required English language level it was important to find someone who would be able to influence community and local government decision makers as well as help with service and staff development. A senior Amity Foundation staff member was identified as the candidate and immediately set to work raising his English language skills. In his position of seniority, he is uniquely placed to influence not only the future direction of Amity's services for people living with dementia but those of a number of local communities. The SCCG is very grateful to Antony Rose, former Amity teacher, for offering to support the staff member in building their English language skills. We are also very grateful to a long standing SCCG member for their financial support of this piece of work.

Art Therapy Course – A request was received from the Director of the Amity Children’s Development Centre for training in Art Therapy as this was seen as being a useful resource to offer not only the children attending the Centre, but their siblings and families. It is believed that, through art therapy, feelings of loss, hope, anger, frustration and joy could be expressed and coping skills developed. The Centre Director undertook an online training course to enable her to cascade her knowledge to her colleagues enabling them to timetable art therapy sessions for their students and families.



11th Amity Seminar on Autism – The Director of the Amity Children’s Development Centre asked for help in providing an expert speaker to present an online session on the topic of ‘Inclusion’ at the 11th Amity Seminar on Autism. This was to be held, online, from Nanjing on Thursday 4th November. Jasmine Miller, former Principal Teacher of New Struan School, was brought in by the SCCG to undertake this engagement. Besides her experience and expertise, in leading one of Scottish Autism’s key schools, Jasmine is studying for a PhD on the topic of inclusion. The presentation was prepared and translated in Scotland before being passed to Amity. Over 11,500 people were online when the presentation was delivered.

Spiritual Care Training – The SCCG is grateful to Rev Dr Hamilton Inbadas for his involvement in this project. Hamilton is Priest-in-Charge of St John the Evangelist Scottish Episcopal Church in Forres. He previously worked as a researcher with the Glasgow End of Life Studies Group, at the University of Glasgow, where he continues to be an Honorary Research Fellow. Hamilton is currently liaising with the Director of the Palliative Care Ward, Shengjing Hospital, with regard to running online Spiritual Care training for a small, core group of medical and nursing staff. This group will have a particular interest in the role of spiritual care in a palliative and end of life setting.

Palliative Care Partnership – In email correspondence with the Director of the Palliative Care Ward, Shengjing Hospital in Shenyang, the Director expressed a desire to develop formal training links with Scottish universities that provide Masters and PhD level studies in Palliative Care. She also requested support in creating robust governance structures in a discipline that is still in its early stages of development in China. To assist with this, the SCCG contacted Dr Mhoira Leng, Medical Director of Cairdeas International Palliative Care Trust (<https://cairdeas.org.uk>). Cairdeas has extensive experience and expertise in exactly these areas of work and it is hoped to build a fruitful three-way partnership that will benefit the staff, patients and families who are central to the work of the Palliative Care Ward at Shengjing Hospital.

While the inability of having face-to-face conversations has had a serious impact upon many areas of work, it has led to an increase in online training options and this is an area that will be explored in discussions with Cairdeas and the staff of the Palliative Care Ward. Online training is far less disruptive of hospital and family life, enabling staff to remain in Shenyang, working with their patient group while further developing their skill set. South-to-south (local) training options will also be looked at so opening up the opportunity for staff development without the additional stresses of English language study.

Joint Project with Leeds University and Jasmine Miller Coaching – The direction of this project is now being considered given the inability to travel to Nanjing. The original aim was to provide bespoke training to staff, working in the Amity Children’s Development Centre, based on the findings of research into current policies, societal attitudes and the goals and aims of staff, parents and children. While academic research has been ongoing, there has been no opportunity to conduct interviews and discussions with local stakeholders. This has severely restricted any conclusions that can be drawn from the research and, therefore, impacts upon planning for future training options and events. This piece of work remains part

of the SCCG's plans and discussions are ongoing as to how best to proceed with it given that travel restrictions will, almost certainly, remain in place for much of 2022.

Little Sunflowers' Project – This work has continued, in a limited way, throughout the pandemic. Local in-person visits and support have been restricted as there has been no desire to further complicate matters by risking further infection to vulnerable children. The SCCG continues to offer financial support to this very vital piece of work run by the Caritas Social Service Centre (CSSC).

New Project – The SCCG Management Committee started discussion with The Amity Foundation regarding support for a new project. This project will focus on environmental issues, rural revitalisation or climate change and we will be guided by our colleagues in Nanjing as to the priorities of the local partners.



Events and Publications – Our 2021 AGM and Plenary meeting took place on 11th March using the Zoom conferencing software. By our Autumn Plenary in September, Covid restrictions in Scotland allowed for an in-person meeting and we were delighted to welcome Wendy Alexander as our guest speaker. Her title was 'From Shenyang to Scotland and Back: Connections Old and New' and she spoke about her family connections with China and her ongoing work there.

We produced our first printed Newsletter since the start of the pandemic in time for the Autumn Plenary, which had a special feature about Dugald Christie, a pioneering Scottish medical missionary in China, who founded the work in Shenyang to which Wendy Alexander's family also contributed.

We continued to produce our electronic newsletter via Mail Chimp and keep our members and supporters updated with our work that way and also by email. Our social media presence (Twitter and Facebook) continues to grow and is also an excellent way to keep in touch with partners. All our publications are available on our website.

Funding

The Trustees are grateful to the individual supporters who have donated to the SCCG throughout 2021.

Successful funding applications were also made to the Dr AHF Barbour Trust and the Pollock Memorial Missionary Trust. The Trustees wish to record their thanks to the Trustees of these funders for their support.

Financial Review

The Trustees received grants, donations and gift aid amounting to £18,331 (2020: £21,012) during the year, including modest bank interest. Expenditure of £18,915 (2020: £17,053) was incurred leaving a deficit for the year of £(584) (2020: surplus £3,959).

Unrestricted Funds received during the year were £2,581 (2020: £1,122) and expenditure £5,752 (2020: £3,532). The unrestricted deficit for the year of £(3,171) (2020: £2,410) decreased unrestricted funds to £12,262 (2020: £15,433).

Restricted Funds received during the year amounted to £15,750 (2020: £19,890) and £13,163 (2020: £13,521) was spent, leaving a surplus for the year of £2,587 (2020: £6,369) and restricted funds balance at the year-end of £22,043 (2020: £19,456).

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 part time project worker 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 £5,000 at any time.

Unrestricted funds at 31 December 2021 of £12,262 (2020: £15,433) are in excess of this. However, international travel restrictions and lockdowns caused by the COVID 19 pandemic have seriously limited the SCCG's charitable activities and will continue to do so during 2022. Once restrictions are lifted the SCCG has plans to fund further programmes which help develop the work of our partners in China. These will go some way to absorbing the current excess reserves.

Plans for future periods

We will continue to support 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

 6/3/2022

Rev Alan Miller
Trustee

Dated:

Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees

I report on the accounts of Scottish Churches' China Group (SC033740) for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 8 to 12.

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 (as amended). 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 (as amended). 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.

Gavin McEwan

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Date Apr 7, 2022

Statement of Receipts and PaymentsFor the year to 31st December 2021

	Note	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2021	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds 2020
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts							
Grants	4	-	15,700	15,700	-	17,870	17,870
Donations & Gift Aid	5	2,575	50	2,625	1,111	160	1,271
Fundraising activities		-	-	-	-	1,860	1,860
Bank interest		6	-	6	11	-	11
Total receipts		2,581	15,750	18,331	1,122	19,890	21,012
Payments							
Payments relating directly to charitable activities	6	5,752	13,163	18,915	3,532	12,466	15,998
Grants and donations	7	-	-	-	-	1,055	1,055
Total payments		5,752	13,163	18,915	3,532	13,521	17,053
Net (payments) / receipts		(3,171)	2,587	(584)	(2,410)	6,369	3,959
Transfers to / (from) funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
(Deficit) / surplus for year		(3,171)	2,587	(584)	(2,410)	6,369	3,959

Statement of BalancesAs at 31st December 2021

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Bank balances at start of year	15,433	19,456	34,889	30,930
(Deficit) / surplus for year	(3,171)	2,587	(584)	3,959
Bank balances at end of year	12,262	22,043	34,305	34,889

Other assets

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Prepayments	414	-	414	384
Other debtors	-	700	700	700
	414	700	1,114	1,084

Liabilities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Trade creditors	272	-	272	60
Accruals	1,260	-	1,260	1,260
	1,532	-	1,532	1,320

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Rev Alan Miller
Trustee

Date _____

10/3/2022

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021

1. Accounting Policies

Accounting Convention and Basis of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared on the Receipts and Payments basis in accordance with the Charities & Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and the Charities Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2006 (as amended).

Receipts and Payments Account

For the purpose of the Receipts and Payments account as shown on page 8, 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. Grants Received

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Grant from Barbour Trust	-	14,000	14,000	17,870
Pollock Memorial Missionary Trust	-	1,700	1,700	-
	-	15,700	15,700	17,870

5. Donations Received

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Donations from individual supporters	2,575	50	2,625	1,253
Donations from fundraising	-	-	-	18
	2,575	50	2,625	1,271

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6. Payments relating directly to charitable activities

	Unrestricted	Restricted	2021	2020
	£	£	£	£
Salary	2,637	6,000	8,637	8,788
Amity Foundation Dementia training	-	-	-	144
Domestic travel	-	-	-	10
Meeting and conference costs	362	-	362	140
Design and web costs	192	4,733	4,925	3,984
Insurance	552	-	552	512
Professional fees	1,913	2,430	4,343	2,340
Bank charges	96	-	96	80
	5,752	13,163	18,915	15,998

7. Grants paid

		Number of grants awarded	2021 £	2020 £
English language study leading to a language test for Special Education and Inclusion Course	The Amity Foundation	-	-	1,055
			-	1,055

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Notes to the Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2021 (con't)

8. Restricted Funds

	Balance 1/1/21 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfer £	Balance 31/12/21 £
Barbour Trust					
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	-	-	(783)	-
Sister Mary Pan: for people with learning difficulties	80	-	-	-	80
SCCG Advisor employment	-	6,000	6,000	-	-
Eric Liddell Centre visit to China/Spiritual Care lead training	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
GP Training Development plan	1,800	-	-	(1,800)	-
Raising public awareness of SCCG	1,440	4,000	4,733	-	707
Upgrading libraries at Seminaries and Bible Schools in China	500	-	-	-	500
Amity Foundation Dementia Friends training	283	-	-	-	283
Amity Foundation Social Services – Scottish visit	2,500	-	-	(2,500)	-
A Partner Visit to China for Gillian McKinnon - SCCG Website and Publicity Officer	2,250	-	-	-	2,250
Mairi Houldsworth visit to Amity Foundation, China - Dementia Friends Training	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Air fares re joint project with Leeds University	1,800	-	-	-	1,800
Little Sunflower Project room rental	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Accountancy costs	-	1,750	1,750	-	-
The Masters in Inclusion and Special Educational Needs	-	2,250	-	5,083	7,333
Barbour Trust totals	17,436	14,000	12,483	-	18,953
Donations for Inclusion and Special Educational Needs	160	-	-	-	160
Little Sunflower Project - Fundraising and donations	1,860	50	-	-	1,910
Pollock Memorial Missionary Trust – Joint Coaching Project SCCG, Leeds University, Amity	-	1,700	680	-	1,020
Total Restricted Funds	19,456	15,750	13,163	-	22,043