

**REPORT OF THE CHURCH HYMNARY TRUSTEES**  
 A registered Scottish Charity (Scottish Charity No. SC002769)  
 to  
**THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND**  
 in respect of the year ended 31 December 2015  
 May 2016

**PROPOSED DELIVERANCE**

**The General Assembly:**

1. Receive the Report.

**REPORT**

**1. Church Hymnary 4<sup>th</sup> Edition**

1.1 In the year to 30 September 2015 the sales of the various editions were as follows:-

Words: 2,673 copies compared with 1,846 (2014)

Full Music Edition: 655 copies compared with 723 (2014)

Melody Edition: 169 copies compared with 586 (2014)

Large Print Edition: 390 copies compared with 312 (2014)

1.2 The commission due to the Trust calculated in respect of the year to 30 September 2015 in respect of CH4 was £4,843.88 compared with £4,879.82 in the previous year. From this royalties were payable to the authors of £4,201.66 of which the Trust bore £2,201.66.

1.3 In addition sales of the Hymnary under the title Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise amounted to 557 copies in all. The total commission payable to the Trust was £552.62.

**2. Electronic Words edition**

30 copies of the words of CH4 were downloaded. This facility enables churches holding a CCLI licence to download the words so that hymns can be projected into service sheets.

**3. Grants Given**

A grant was made to the Spark Festival in support of the Psalms for All Seasons day of £1,600. Ongoing negotiations are being held with the Ministries Council to explore ways in which the promotion of the Hymnary and the understanding of Hymnody in the Church can be advanced.

**4. App**

Following a request at last year's General Assembly, investigations are ongoing into the production of an app.

## 5. Trustees

Mr Ian McCrorie has retired from the Trust. The Trust records its gratitude for his service as a Trustee and have very much appreciated the insights and contributions made by him as an accomplished organist.

*In the name of the Trustees*

PHILIP H BRODIE, *Chairman*  
JOHN M HODGE, *Secretary and Treasurer*

## ADDENDUM

### **John Hodge**

John Hodge became the Secretary and Treasurer of the Trust in 1983. These 33 years of unstinting service to the Trust have been marked by meticulous efficiency and unfailing graciousness. His legal expertise and ready wisdom were invaluable to the Trust at all times, and especially so in 2013 when the Trust had to reorganise its powers and objects to ensure that its ongoing activities would be appropriate and beneficial to the Church. The Trust was further greatly indebted to him for his management of the arrangements and funding of the production of *The Church Hymnary: Fourth Edition*. (CH4). The Trustees are immensely grateful to him for the time and effort he has devoted to the Trust and wish to record their warm appreciation.

PHILIP H BRODIE, *Chairman*