

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 2016
May 2017

PROPOSED DELIVERANCE

The General Assembly:

1. Receive the Report.

REPORT

1. Church Hymnary 4th Edition:-

1.1 In the year to 30 September 2016 the sales of the various editions were as follows:-

Words: 1,993 copies compared with 2,673 (2015)
Full Music Edition: 701 copies compared with 655 (2015)
Melody Edition: 229 copies compared with 169 (2015)
Large Print Edition: 620 copies compared with 390 (2015)
CD-Rom: 30 copies

1.2 The commission due to the Trust calculated in respect of the year to 30 September 2016 in respect of CH4 was £4,743.79 compared with £4,843.88 in the previous year. From this royalties were payable to the authors of £3,773.35 of which the Trust bore £1,773.35.

1.3 In addition sales of the Hymnary under the title Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise amounted to 4,143 copies

in all. The total commission payable to the Trust was £815.01.

2. Grants Given

Grants for 3 local workshops were made to the Scottish churches organist training scheme of £1,500, and to the Church of Scotland Mission and Discipleship Council Hymn Project for £3,000 to part funding of an internship to help develop an online audio sample for CH4.

3. App

Following a request at the General Assembly, investigations were made into the production of a CH4 app. The view of the Trust is that this is not something they consider is worthwhile at present. The initial production cost would be high, the cost of purchase of the app would be comparable with that of the hard copy, and electronic publishing of the full music editions is not an option as some music publishers will not grant electronic reproduction rights.

4. Lie flat organists' edition

Investigations have been made into this. It is estimated the cost would be of the order of £120 or £130 and it is felt that there is unlikely to be sufficient demand at this price.

In the name of the Trustees

PHILIP H BRODIE, *Chairman*
HUGH ANGUS, *Secretary and Treasurer*