

**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 2022**

Proposed Deliverance

The General Assembly:

1. Receive the Report.
2. To appoint Reverend Joanne C Hood and Reverend MaryAnn Rennie as Trustees of the Church Hymnary Trust.

Report

1. CHURCH HYMNARY 4TH EDITION

1.1 In the year to 30 September 2022 the sales of the various editions were as follows:-

Words:	243 copies compared with 178 (2021)
Full Music Edition:	257 copies compared with 156 (2021)
Melody Edition:	94 copies compared with 111 (2021)
Large Print Edition:	129 copies compared with 46 (2021)
CD-Rom:	27 copies compared with 43 (2021)

1.2 The commission due to the Trust calculated in respect of the year to 30 September 2022 in respect of CH4 was £1334.36 compared with £944.99 in the previous year. From this, royalties were payable to the authors of £1070.11, the first £2000 of which is met by the publishers with net commission due to the Trust of £1334.36.

2. CURRENT WORK

2.1 The Trustees are pleased to report that, at their meeting on 30 March 2023, they agreed a grant totalling £30,000 to Faith Action for the purposes of providing support for digital resources and launch events in connection with the forthcoming Hymnary Supplement, due to be published in 2024 in partnership with Hymns Ancient & Modern.

3. FUNDING FOR PROJECTS

3.1 The Trustees affirm their wish to encourage more applications for grants to be made from trust funds, particularly where the applications relate to local training purposes. The Trust purposes include:-

“the advancement of the Christian faith through the promotion and development of hymnody in Scotland with particular reference to the Church of Scotland by assisting in the development, promotion, provision and understanding of hymns, psalms and paraphrases suitable for use in public worship... to enable the Church, and in particular the Church of Scotland, to worship in ways which are relevant to individual congregations or groups of congregations”.

4. MEMBERSHIP

4.1 Mr Alan Aitchison and Mr David Stewart have tendered their resignation to the Chair which he accepted with regret. The Trustees are grateful to both for their hard work and attention to detail over their years of service to the Trust.

4.2 The Trustees propose that Reverend Joanne C Hood and Reverend MaryAnn Rennie be appointed to be members of the Trust.

In the name of the Trustees

PHILIP H BRODIE, *Chair*
ANNE STEELE, *Secretary and Treasurer*