

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 2020

Proposed Deliverance

The General Assembly:

1. Receive the Report.

Report

1. CHURCH HYMNARY 4TH EDITION

1.1 In the year to 30 September 2020 the sales of the various editions were as follows: -

Words: 285 copies compared with 501 (2019)
Full Music Edition: 308 copies compared with 415 (2019)
Melody Edition: 113 copies compared with 197 (2019)
Large Print Edition: 251 copies compared with 529 (2019)
CD-Rom: 24 copies compared with 20 (2019)

1.2 The commission due to the Trust calculated in respect of the year to 30 September 2020 in respect of CH4 was £1,614.90 compared to with £3693.58 in the previous year. From this, royalties were payable to the authors of £1,337.75, the first £2,000 of which is met by the publishers, with the net commission due to the Trust £1,614.90.

1.3 In addition sales of the Hymnary under the title Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise amounted to 313 copies in all. The net commission payable to the Trust was £199.81.

2. FUTURE WORK

The Trust are aware of the Assembly request from 2019 for consideration of a supplement to CH4. The Trust would be keen to support an appropriate request for funding, expect it would support any such proposal for a supplemental hymn book or similar resource and its use in the Church, and had indicated to the Faith Nurture Forum the funding available to the Trust for appropriate projects.

3. FUNDING FOR PROJECTS

The trustees continue to be keen to encourage more applications for trust funds, particularly for local training projects and which might include alleviating the cost to organists by subsidising SCOTS training days. 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”.

In the name of the trustees

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