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 2023

Proposed Deliverance

The General Assembly:

1. Receive the Report.

Report

1. CHURCH HYMNARY 4TH EDITION

1.1 In the year to 30 September 2023 the sales of the various editions were as follows:-

Words 231 copies compared with 243 (2022)
Full Music Edition: 310 copies compared with 257 (2022)
Melody Edition: 76 copies compared with 94 (2022)
Large Print Edition: 113 copies compared with 129 (2022)
CD-Rom: 24 copies compared with 27 (2022)

1.2 The commission due to the Trust calculated in respect of the year to 30 September 2023 in respect of CH4 was £1370.40 compared with £1,334.36 in the previous year. From this, royalties were payable to the authors of £1124.44, the first £2000 of which is met by the publishers with net commission due to the Trust of £1370.40

2. FUNDING FOR PROJECTS

2.1 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. Enquiries can be sent to the Secretary Anne Steele by email asteele@churchofscotland.org.uk or by post to the Church offices, 121 George Street, Edinburgh EH2 4YN. 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".

3. MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Membership remains unchanged

In the name of the Trustees

PHILIP H BRODIE, Chair ANNE STEELE, Secretary and Treasurer