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Trustees' Annual Report for the period							
	Period start date				Period end date		
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year
From	01	10	2024	To	31	09	2025

Reference and administration details

Charity name
Other names charity is known by
Registered charity number
Charity's principal address

St Andrews Chalmers Institute
SC46001
Kilvannie Manor
Strathpeffer
Postcode IV14 9AD

Names of the charity trustees on date of approval of Trustees' Annual Report

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Mr Lincoln Rozelle	Chair & Secretary		
2	Mrs Elizabeth McGregor			
3	Mrs Fiona Chalmers (nee McCruden)			
4	Mrs Heather Holdsworth			
5	Mr Philip Boydell		to 31st June 2025	
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Reference and administration details

Names of all other charity trustees during the period, if any, (for example, those who resigned part way through the financial period)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
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Structure, governance and management

Type of governing document

The governance, management and administration of the organisation will be the responsibility of the charity trustees who are also the only trustees of the organisation.

The charity is a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). It was registered in its current legal form on 24th of September 2015. The charity was previously an unincorporated association but changed its legal form to a SCIO on 24th September 2015. It has a single tier structure and as such the trustees are members of the SCIO.

Trustee recruitment and appointment

The members of the steering group, which normally meet four times a year, are charity trustees. New trustees are nominated by existing trustees. The number of charity trustees will not be less than four at any time, and the maximum number of trustees will be determined by the charity trustees.

Objectives and activities

Charitable purposes

The organisation's purposes are the advancement of the Christian religion: to promote the Christian religion, principally in St Andrews and the surrounding area but also throughout Scotland, elsewhere in the UK and the world; to encourage Christian leadership principles through (a) leadership development training focused on biblical content with an emphasis on developing the participants' Christian character and leadership skills (b) regular and one-off training events as well as personal one-on-one mentoring, (c) developing teaching materials that can be used more widely and (d) a study fellowship for pastor-theologians pursuing doctoral work.

Summary of the main activities in relation to these objects

We run a weekly Learning Community designed to support and develop participants in their Christian leadership. Graduate Learning Exchange evenings and lectures provide opportunities for scholars to present their research to non-specialists for the benefit of both the academy and the church. Training conferences for identified emerging leaders aim to develop their Christian character and leadership skills. The charity supports and mentors pastor-theologians through their academic studies. We have run a research project examining Christian education and formation in churches. Alongside this we have developed a Journal in public theology designed to equip and resource leaders.

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Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the financial period

The charity has fulfilled its charitable purposes in promoting the Christian religion and encouraging leadership principles.

The Learning Community had 19 leaders engage with courses. Our in-person course considered a right understanding of 'freedom' through a study of Galatians, and looked at how literature can help us understand God's story. Our on-line reading group explored Christian thought through the 20th Century.

The charity's Fellowships for pastor-theologians continued. As part of their development they contributed to the Learning Community courses and attended a retreat for mutual encouragement. In the Autumn we were able to appoint 4 new Fellows, meaning that we ended the year with 7 supported as they pursue their doctoral studies.

We ran a January conference, where 28 leaders gathered for a home-based time of rest and teaching on Music and Meaning in a (post-) modern world.

Our project researching what is happening in terms of Christian education in Scotland's Churches continued. The cohort of 7 Christian leaders who continued to meet monthly to discuss relevant texts and feed into the project. This has now drawn to a close and the findings are being collated.

We held two Graduate Learning Exchanges where scholars presented to non-specialists their work on Cryptocurrency in places of poverty, and John Owen & the Holy Spirit.

The Journal in public theology was developed with the appointment of an editorial board, and plans put in place ready for its first issue to be launched in the next financial year.

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity is funded through annual grants from a small number of trust funds, individual donations, and participant fees from our Learning Community and Conferences. The Chalmers Institute operates with a small team, no employees, and it is therefore believed at this stage that we can operate with minimal reserves.

Details of any deficit

The charity operated at a surplus this financial year and ended the year with a healthy balance in its account.

Donated facilities and services (if any)

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Other optional information

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)
*OSCR will accept
digital or typed
signatures*



Full name(s) Lincoln Rozelle

Position (e.g. Chair) Chair

Date 31/04/2026

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