TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

CHARITY: MOTHERWELL WISHAW CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES
ANNUAL REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH 2026

Legal and Administration Information

The Motherwell Wishaw Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses ("the Congregation") is an unincorporated association in Scotland and it operates on the basis of a Constitution adopted on 6th July 2022.

Registered Charity No. SC011506.

The Congregation has during the year been administered by the following Trustees, being elders of the Congregation duly appointed and still serving at the date of this report:

Chairman: Bryan Howieson

Secretary: Neil Hoskins

Other Trustees: Andrew Duncan, Benjamin Orimolade, Stewart Hoskins, Timothy Hotchkiss, Ian MacFarlane, Scott Morrison, Olutobi Dada, Ken Ramsay, Daniel Sinclair, Ibikunle Ibileke & Stephen Turner.

New Trustees are selected by the existing Trustees, from the Congregation membership, following prayerful consideration of their spiritual qualifications in the light of the Bible.

The registered address of the Congregation is 44 Crosshill Street, Motherwell, ML1 1RU.

The Congregation Bank is Lloyds Bank, Tunbridge Wells.

At the end of the year there were 86 members.

Objects and Activities

The Constitution restricts the operation of the Congregation to religious purposes and limits the use of its assets to further its purposes, these being the practice and advancement of Christianity founded on the Holy Bible. During the year, the Congregation has achieved its objects and continued to pursue its purposes by holding regular twice-weekly meetings for the public worship of God and Bible study. Further, most Congregation members have assisted by sharing regularly in preaching the good news of God's Kingdom and teaching principles of Christian living including respect for

secular authority, persons and property, the maintenance of personal morality and family values and other facets of practical Christianity.

Governance

The affairs of the Congregation are managed by the Trustees who, as members of the charity, work closely together. Meetings to discuss financial matters are arranged whenever required, being included in the regular religious meetings of the Congregation. All major decisions are made by formal resolutions at meetings of congregation members. The Elders of the congregation are its Trustees, and they are responsible to administer the congregation ensuring it has financial autonomy. Responsibilities include maintaining accounts records and having these reviewed by an individual meeting the legal criteria of an independent examiner. Expenditure, other than ordinary running costs must be recommended by a quorum of the elders and approved by congregation resolution passed by a simple majority of a quorum of the congregation. The expense must be solely to advance the Objects of the congregation. The Trustees and all other persons engaged in the activities of the Congregation have done so on an entirely voluntary unpaid basis. No expenses or remunerations were paid to Trustees, nor were there any financial transactions between the charity and Trustees, or any persons connected to a Trustee.

Review of Year and Financial Developments

The Congregation is funded by voluntary donations made by Congregation members and others, supplemented by income from bank interest. Further, it is confirmed that the Congregation's accounts comply with the relevant statutory requirements. There are no notes to the accounts, all relevant information having been included in this report. Throughout the year such funds have been used to provide facilities for the holding of regular weekly meetings for worship and Bible study. Donations have been made towards the cost of circuit assemblies and other conventions held during the year. Funds have also been donated to assist other entities that support the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Assets and Liabilities.

At 31st March 2026 the total cash assets of the Congregation were as follows:

Cash in Current Accounts: £4,945

These funds are held for the purposes of financing the future activities of the Congregation, including the acquisition/improvements of accommodation for the

holding of meetings for worship and Bible study. Of these funds, £4,945 is held specifically for maintenance of the Kingdom Hall etc.

Property - Kingdom Hall, 44 Crosshill Street, Motherwell, ML1 1RU

• Is held in the name of the three designated Trustees. In the Constitution they are defined as the Property Trustees.

At 31st March 2026, the Congregation had no liabilities other than the running costs of the Kingdom Hall.

Notable Receipts and Expenses

Of particular significance in the financial affairs of the Congregation during the year was:

The grants of £6,800 approved by Congregation resolutions for the charitable work of associated Charities.

In addition, during the year, the sum of £205.00 for the International Bible Students Association (registered in Scotland Charity Reg. No. SC046866) was collected and sent on to that charity.

In all respects the Congregation continues to co-operate closely with the other duly constituted congregations and with other charities for the common purpose of advancing Christianity by preaching the good news of God's Kingdom by Jesus Christ.

Internal Controls

Proper controls and procedures are adhered to, so that the monthly financial reports made to the Trustees and the Congregation, accurately represent all transactions, are in balance and provide reasonable assurance that finances are being used for their intended purpose. A competent person checks the accounts on a quarterly basis. The result is announced to the Congregation.

Investment Policy

The Trustees have the power to invest in any way they see fit in furtherance of their charitable purposes but having regard to the soundness of the financial institution, and our Christian principles. Any funds that may not be needed in the short term will be invested on that basis.

Reserves Policy

The charity has a consistent income base, through donations from Congregation members, some of which is by tax-effective means. Based on this income, we can plan confidently with relatively small reserves. The policy is to ensure that we have free reserves on hand, not designated for specific purposes or otherwise committed, equivalent to not less than 3 months working expenditure. At the year-end, the free reserves were roughly equal to 12 months working expenditure. The charity has restricted funds of £4,945. These funds are held specifically for maintenance of the Kingdom Hall, etc and will be spent on this after the year end.

Approved by the Trustees of the Charity on 26th October 2026 and signed on their behalf by:

Signed *Neil Hoskins*

Secretary and Trustee, on behalf of the Trustees 3