

## **REPORT OF THE CHURCH HYMNARY TRUSTEES MAY 2018 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 2017**

### **Proposed Deliverance**

#### **The General Assembly**

1. Receive the Report.
2. To appoint Mr David Stewart as a Trustee of the Church Hymnary Trust.

### **Report**

#### **1. CHURCH HYMNARY 4TH EDITION**

**1.1** In the year to 30 September 2017 the sales of the various editions were as follows:-

Words: 1,842 copies compared with 1,993 (2016)  
Full Music Edition: 431 copies compared with 701 (2016)  
Melody Edition: 104 copies compared with 229 (2016)  
Large Print Edition: 490 copies compared with 620 (2016)  
CD-Rom: 31 copies

**1.2** The commission due to the Trust calculated in respect of the year to 30 September 2011 in respect of CH4 was £3,863.49 compared with £4,743.79 in the previous year. From this royalties were payable to the authors of £3,348.36, the first £2,000 of which is met by the publishers, with the net commission due to the Trust £2,513.13

**1.3** In addition sales of the Hymnary under the title Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise amounted to 3,100 copies in all. The net commission payable to the Trust was £1,073.71.

#### **2. CH4 IN LARGER PRINT**

Following a deliverance before last year's General Assembly asking the Trustees to investigate the feasibility of producing copies of CH4 in a font and format larger than the current Large Print edition, the Trustees have followed this up. Hymns Ancient and Modern have been unable to give a costing for such a project without knowing the demand. Attempts have been made to ascertain the demand but no precise figures are available. Some people who require very large print use the CD Rom to produce hymns in a format which suits their own particular requirements. Hymns Ancient and Modern are happy to provide free of charge a file of words for those who require it. Others make private arrangements for the hymns they require to be made available in a format which is right for them.

The Trustees have concluded that it is neither feasible nor necessary to produce a hymnbook in extra large type. Mindful of their responsibilities as Trustees of the fund which they administer they conclude that they have responded fully to the request made to them.

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### **3. SCOTTISH CHURCH ORGANIST TRAINING SCHEME (SCOTS)**

The Trustees were pleased to make a grant to SCOTS for the year 2016 – 2017 of £1,500. As reported last year, this was to enable SCOTS to offer local organ workshops for those wishing to develop their organ playing skills. To date three workshops have taken place and SCOTS are pleased with the level of interest. They hope to continue to offer workshops and the Trustees will look favourably on an application for funds to enable them to do so. SCOTS have expressed their thanks to the Trustees for the funds received so far. The Trustees welcome applications for funding for projects that further the purposes of the trust.

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### **4. TRUSTEES**

The Rev Colin Renwick has intimated that he wishes to resign as a Trustee. The Trustees thank him for his contribution to the work of the Trust. The Trustees propose that David Stewart, organist at Corstorphine St Anne's Parish Church be appointed as a Trustee.

*In the name of the Trustees*

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