Report and Accounts

for the year ended 31st August 2015

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2015

The trustees present their Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2015.

Structure, Governance and Management

The Fund for Human Need (FHN) is a registered charity, number 208866, and is constituted under a trust deed dated 17th February 1960.

The charity is administered by a board of trustees, which meets annually or as the need arises. When vacancies occur, new trustees are appointed by the existing trustees.

The trustees may by resolution delegate their powers to agents or to one or more of themselves and from time to time revoke such delegation.

FHN has no employees, its day to day business being administered by its officers in a voluntary capacity. A financial report, including details of grants made by the Fund, is made available to trustees each month. FHN's bankers are authorised to honour payment instructions which have been signed by any two persons named on the bank mandate.

Objectives and Activities for the Public Benefit

The trust deed provides that the capital and income of the trust shall be used to relieve and remove hunger and poverty in all parts of the world without regard for politics, race, colour or creed. FHN's funds are applied by the trustees in accordance with these objectives. The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Fund's objectives and in planning future activities and setting the grant making policy for the year.

During the year ended 31st August 2015 the trustees continued to make grants available to refugees, asylum seekers and the homeless and to people in other kinds of personal distress. The trustees believe that these grants have provided valuable assistance to some of the most vulnerable people in society.

The trustees also administer the assets of the G.E. Wilson Scholarship Fund for the benefit of the Methodist School at Colon in Panama. The capital held for this purpose has always been regarded as a permanent endowment. Investment income and donations for the school are transferred to the school as received, providing full scholarships for the needlest pupils as well as assisting those who have difficulty meeting the full fees.

From time to time gifts are received for other specific purposes that are consistent with FHN's objectives, and are transferred to the intended beneficiaries.

Risk Management

The trustees have considered the major risks to which the charity is exposed, which are reviewed each year at the Annual General Meeting, and have established systems and procedures to manage those risks. In particular, it is recognised that as a small organisation FHN does not have staff to monitor the use of grants once they have been made. Most grants are, however, made through other agencies and FHN asks for written confirmation that they will be used for the purposes for which they have been made.

Grant Making Policy and Procedures

The Fund has established its grant making policy to achieve its objects for the public benefit, to relieve hunger and poverty, by:

- making grants to refugees, asylum seekers and the homeless, usually of up to £120 each.
- making grants to individuals in other forms of personal distress, usually of up to £120 each.
- transferring restricted funds to beneficiaries as quickly and economically as possible.

In making grants to refugees, asylum seekers and the homeless, and those in personal distress, it is reognised that FHN cannot be the major source of support in such cases. Most of these grants are made through other charities and institutions, although a small number are paid direct to individual beneficiaries.

Between trustees' meetings grant applications are assessed by the Secretary, in consultation with a scrutineer appointed by the trustees. A list of grants paid is made available to the trustees on a monthly basis and also submitted to the full trustees meeting for retrospective approval.

Financial Review

The Fund's unrestricted income for the year amounted to £10,114, compared with £12,080 for the previous year, when a number of one-off donations were received from both individuals and churches following an article about FHN in the *Methodist Recorder*. The fall in income also reflected a reduction for the second year running in the annual contribution from a church which is the Fund's most generous supporter, which is currently committed to a major building scheme.

Expenditure from unrestricted funds increased by 34% to £32,661, following a 64% increase the previous year, as a result of the trustees' decision to make another significant increase in the number of grants awarded in response to the continuing high levels of applications received by the Fund. This resulted in a shortfall of income over expenditure of £22,547, which was largely covered by proceeds of some £20,000 from the sale of investments.

During the year, 271 grants of up to £200, but in most cases not exceeding £120, were made from unrestricted funds, totalling £31,856, all to individuals in the UK who were refugees, asylum seekers or homeless or in other forms of personal distress. This compared with 235 grants amounting to £23,610 made to individuals in 2013/14.

Restricted income received for the school and for the home for old and homeless people in Colon, Panama, was £5,764, including income of £508 from endowment fund investments, a decrease of £1,202 on the total for the previous year. In addition, £200 was received for work with children in Kenya.

Administration costs for the year amounted to £805 (2013/14: £804), representing 2.0% of total expenditure.

Investment Policy and Performance

The trust deed gives the trustees discretion to invest the trust funds and to use the income arising, and the proceeds of a sale of investments, for the objects of the charity.

The major part of FHN's unrestricted funds, together with the assets of the G. E. Wilson Scholarship Fund, are held in units of two of the investment funds of the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church (CFB), the CFB Managed Fixed Interest Fund and the CFB Managed Mixed Fund, in order to achieve a higher return than is currently available on the Fund's short term deposits, and to help secure long term stability of the Fund's income. These investments are held by The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, who act as custodian trustees for FHN.

Funds are managed by CFB in accordance with its agreed investment policies. It aims to provide a high quality investment service, seeking above average returns for long term investors, while following a discipline in which the ethical dimension is an integral part of all its investment decisions. CFB works closely with the Methodist Council to ensure that its activities are consistent with the ethical policy of the Methodist Church.

A revaluation of the Fund's investments at 31st August 2015 showed a net unrealised gain of £568, representing an increase of 1.9% in the value of units in the CFB Managed Fixed Interest Fund and a decrease of 0.9% on the CFB Managed Mixed Fund units. The income distributions for the year, based on the 31st August 2014 valuations of the units, represented yields of 2.3% on the Managed Fixed Interest Fund units and of 3.4% on those in the Managed Mixed Fund.

Reserves Policy

The Fund's reserves policy has been reviewed by the trustees, having regard in particular to uncertainties in relation to future levels of income from donations, including the impact of a loss of the very small number of donors who contribute a significant proportion of the Fund's income, to the low returns it is currently receiving on its investments and short term deposits, and to the substantially increasing numbers of grant applications being received from those institutions with whom FHN works in the UK.

The trustees have approved a policy to maintain the free reserves in unrestricted funds (that is, the balance of unrestricted funds, less investments) at a level which equates to approximately six months of unrestricted charitable expenditure. The balance of free reserves in unrestricted funds at 31st August 2015 was £17,722 which, with anticipated unrestricted charitable expenditure of approximately £34,000 for the year to August 2016, represents just over six months of such expenditure.

Review of the Year and Future Plans

The migration to Europe of hundreds of thousands of men, women and children from Afghanistan and countries of the Middle East and Africa has dominated the news during the year under review, and is likely to do so for the foreseeable future. Responding to the refugee crisis has become a priority for many Church organisations in mainland Europe. Meanwhile the British government has focussed more on funding camps bordering Syria and on preventing access to the United Kingdom and erecting barriers than on making provision for those who have arrived in the countries of the U.K.

At the same time the publication of draft legislation is designed deliberately to impose a 'hostile environment' and refugee organisations and immigration law practitioners anticipate that, as a consequence, many individuals and families with children will become destitute and unable to access support if they do not meet strict criteria.

For a number of years a significant proportion of the grants made by the Fund for Human Need has been to relieve the hardship of refugees, asylum seekers, homeless and destitute people in this country. The past year's accounts are evidence that this need is not only continuing but actually growing. In addition we await with concern the impact of the proposed tax credit cuts on some of Britain's poorest families.

During 2014-15 the total expended in grants was three times our voluntary and investment income. This represents a 34% increase on the previous year, which itself had seen a rise of 64%, and is consistent with the trustees' policy of reducing the charity's reserves to a level that reflects more closely the Charity Commission's guidelines. At the same time the trustees are conscious of the need to become more pro-active in advocacy and fund-raising so that the long-term stability of the Fund is assured.

The Fund's website has undergone further development during the year and now not only provides information about the fund but allows applicants to complete details of their circumstances and apply for funding online. Consideration has been given also to how the Fund's profile might be increased and we have received helpful advice from Mr Mencey Morera.

This year marks the retirement of Stan Platt, who earlier acted as an adviser on refugee matters and subsequently became a trustee and secretary of FHN. Since 1998 Stan has been responsible for assessing the applications for assistance which are received and each month determining those to whom a grant should be made. He has undertaken this with great dedication, thoroughness and compassion, seeking to ensure that every grant made a real difference to the well-being of those in need. We are indebted to Stan for all the work and expertise he has brought to this role and the committed service he has rendered.

Stan has been assisted in scrutinising the applications by the Revd Alison McDonald, and we express our thanks to her for the time she has given to facilitate the work of the Fund. Special thanks must also be paid to our treasurer, Alan Hickox, for his expert management of the Fund's accounts.

We are grateful to all those who read this report - both individuals and churches - whose gifts help to sustain the activity of the Fund. Such gifts enable FHN to fulfil our mission, which is to respond to human need wherever it is found and "where a little helps a lot."

Trustees' Responsibilities for the Accounts

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these accounts the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed;
- prepare the accounts on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the activities of the charity will continue.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the accounts comply with the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the trustees on 24th November 2015 and signed on their behalf by:

Roger Cresswell Chair of Trustees

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Fund for Human Need

I report on the accounts of the Fund for the year ended 31st August 2015. These comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, and the related notes which have been prepared under the historical cost convention (as modified by the revaluation of certain fixed assets) and the accounting policies set out in the statement of accounting policies.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act); and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair" view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Roger Pipe 6 Yew Tree Park Whitley Goole DN14 0NZ

24th November 2015

FUND FOR HUMAN NEED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2015

	Note	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Fund	Total Funds 2015	Total Funds 2014
INCOMING RESOURCES		£	£	£	£	£
Voluntary income						
Donations, gifts & tax reclaims	2	6,453	5,456		11,909	15,008
Investment income						
CFB Investment Funds distributions		3,606	508	-	4,114	4,049
CFB Deposit Fund interest		55	-	-	55_	189
		3,661	508	-	4,169	4,238
Total incoming resources		10,114	5,964	-	16,078	19,246
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Charitable activities						
Grants paid	3/4	31,856	6,220	-	38,076	32,247
Grant making costs	5	182	-	-	182	190
		32,038	6,220	-	38,258	32,437
Governance costs	6	623	-	-	623	614
Total resources expended		32,661	6,220	-	38,881	33,051
Net outgoing resources for the year		(22,547)	(256)	-	(22,803)	(13,805)
Gain on disposal of investments		605	-	-	605	-
Gain on revaluation of investments	7	143	-	425	568	6,062
Net movement in funds		(21,799)	(256)	425	(21,630)	(7,743)
Total funds brought forward at 1st September	er 2014	150,634	493	22,061	173,188	180,931
TOTAL FUNDS at 31st AUGUST 2015	-	128,835	237	22,486	151,558	173,188

The notes on pages 9 - 13 form part of these accounts

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st AUGUST 2015

		Note		2015		2014
				£		£
Fixed Assets						
Investments:	Unrestricted funds		111,113		130,366	
	Endowment fund		22,486		22,061	
		7		133,599		152,427
Current Asse	ts					
Debtors		8	1,778		1,979	
Short term dep	oosits		13,958		18,709	
Cash at bank			2,223		73	
				17,959		20,761
Net Assets				151,558		173,188
Funds						
Unrestricted fu	ınds			128,835		150,634
Restricted fund	ds	9		237		493
Endowment fu	ınd	10		22,486		22,061
Total Funds				151,558		173,188

The notes on pages 9 - 13 form part of these accounts

Approved by the trustees on 24th November 2015 and signed on their behalf

<u>Trustee</u> <u>Trustee</u>

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2015

1. Accounting Policies

a) Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention, except for investments, which are stated at market value, and are in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities (SORP 2005), UK accounting standards and the Charities Act 2011.

b) Incoming resources

Donations and gifts are accounted for on a received basis.

Incoming resources from tax reclaims are included in the same period as the gifts to which they relate.

Legacies are accounted for when entitlement has been confirmed, the amount can be quantified accurately and receipt is certain.

Investment income, representing distributions from the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, is accounted for on an accruals basis.

c) Resources expended

All resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis.

Grants become payable either when approved by the trustees, or by the Secretary in consultation with persons authorised by the trustees to assist in the scrutiny of grant applications.

d) Funds

Unrestricted funds are funds which can be used at the discretion of the trustees in accordance with the charitable objects of the Fund for Human Need.

Restricted funds are funds which may only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

The *endowment fund* represents the assets of the G.E. Wilson Scholarship Fund, which must be held permanently by the charity. Income arising from the endowment fund must be used for the provision of scholarships at the Methodist School in Colon, Panama, and is treated as restricted funds in these accounts.

e) Investments

Investments are stated at market value.

f) Gains / (losses) on investments

Realised and unrealised gains and losses on investments are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities in the year in which they arise.

g) Cash flow statement

The accounts do not include a cash flow statement as the Fund for Human Need does not fall within the scope of Financial Reporting Standard 1.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2015 (continued)

Donations & Gifts	Donations Received	Tax Reclaimed	Total 2015	Total 2014
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds				
Individuals	2,930	641	3,571	4,185
Churches	2,882	-	2,882	4,180
Total unrestricted donations & gifts	5,812	641	6,453	8,365
Restricted Funds				
Methodist School of Colon, Panama	5,087	149	5,236	6,222
Hogar Atlantico home for old & homeless people	20	-	20	221
Bernard Jinkin's work, Kenya	200	-	200	200
Total restricted donations & gifts	5,307	149	5,456	6,643
Total Donations & Gifts	11,119	790	11,909	15,008

3.	Summary of Grants Paid	Total Grants 2015	Number of Grants 2015	Total Grants 2014	Number of Grants 2014
		£		£	
	Unrestricted Funds				
	Refugees, asylum seekers & the homeless	26,077	222	18,134	182
	Personal distress	5,779	49	5,476	53
	Total unrestricted funds grants	31,856	271	23,610	235
	Restricted Funds				
	Methodist School of Colon, Panama	6,000	2	8,000	3
	Hogar Atlantico home for old & homeless people, Colon	20	1	437	2
	Bernard Jinkin's work, Kenya	200	1	200	1
	Total restricted funds grants	6,220	4	8,637	6
	Total Grants Paid	38,076	275	32,247	241

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2015 (continued)

4.	Grants from Unrestricted	l Funds	Total Grants	Number of Grants
			£	
	Refugees, asylum seeke	rs & the homeless		
	Paid through institutions	British Red Cross	1,680	14
		CARA	960	8
		Central & NW London NHS Trust	960	8
		Hackney Migrant Centre	2,040	17
		HMSC	1,223	10
		Millenium Vision	2,880	26
		North of England Refugee Service	720	6
		Notre Dame Refugee Centre	1,200	10
		Praxis	840	7
		Room to Heal	840	7
		The Children's Society	960	8 77
	Paid to individuals	Other institutions paid less than £500	9,509 2,905	24
	Previous year grants unus	ed	(640)	24
	r roviodo your granto ando		26,077	222
	Personal distress		20,011	
	Paid through institutions		4,140	35
	Paid to individuals		1,739	14
	Previous year grant unuse	d	(100)	
	, ,		5,779	49
	Total Unrestricted Funds	s Grants	31,856	271

All grants were received by individuals in the UK and in the majority of cases amounted to £120. No grant exceeded £200.

5.	Grant Making Costs	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2015	Total 2014
		£	£	£	£
	Bank charges	40	-	40	72
	Postage	142	-	142	118
		182	-	182	190

6.	Governance Costs	Unrestricted	Restricted	Total 2015	Total 2014
		£	£	£	£
	Custodian Trustees' administration charge	305	-	305	293
	Trustees' meetings	318	-	318	321
		623	-	623	614

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2015 (continued)

7.	Fixed Asset Investments				2015	2014
					£	£
	CFB Investment Funds					
	Market value at 1st September	er			152,427	146,365
	Disposals at carrying value				(19,396)	-
	Gain on revaluation of investr	ments			568_	6,062
	Market value at 31st August				133,599	152,427
8.	Debtors				2015	2014
					£	£
	CFB Investment Funds distrib	outions			988	1,047
	Gift Aid tax reclaim				790	932
					1,778	1,979
9.	Movement in Funds	Balance	Incoming	Resources	Investment	Balance
		1 st September 2014	Resources	Expended	Gains	31 st August 2015
			Resources £	Expended £	Gains £	
	Unrestricted funds	2014		·		2015
	Unrestricted funds Restricted funds	2014 £	£	£	£	2015 £
		2014 £	£	£	£	2015 £
	Restricted funds	2014 £ 150,634	£ 10,114	£ (32,661)	£	2015 £ 128,835
	Restricted funds Methodist School of Colon	2014 £ 150,634	£ 10,114 5,744	£ (32,661)	£	2015 £ 128,835
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Investment gains comprise gains on the disposal and on the revaluation of investments.

10. Endowment Fund

The G.E. Wilson Scholarship Fund was established in 1970 with discretionary payments received from the estate of the late Mr Charles A. Allen. The capital of £22,486 is invested in CFB Managed Fixed Interest Fund units issued by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church. The income arising from the Fund's investments is to be used for the provision of scholarships to children attending the Methodist School in Colon, Panama.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2015 (continued)

11.	Analysis of Net Assets between Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Endowment Fund	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£
	Investments				
	CFB Managed Fixed Interest Fund units	41,972	-	22,486	64,458
	CFB Managed Mixed Fund units	69,141	-	-	69,141
	Current assets	17,722	237	-	17,959
	Net Assets at 31st August 2015	128,835	237	22,486	151,558

12. Contingent Liabilities & Contractual Commitments

At 31st August 2015 and 31st August 2014 there were no contingent liabilities or contractual commitments.

13.	Expenses Reimbursed to Trustees	2015	2014
		£	£
	Travel to trustees' meetings	318	321
	Number of trustees reimbursed	6	5

No trustee received any remuneration or other benefits from the Fund.