

Report of the Trustees and Financial Statement 2019
St. Francis Leprosy Guild
73 St Charles Square, London, W10 6EJ
Registered Charity No. 208741

INTRODUCTION

The St Francis Leper Guild was founded on 23rd October 1895. The moving spirit was Kate Marsden, a nursing heroine of the Russo-Turkish War who, with characteristic energy and determination, set about raising awareness of the desperate plight of leprosy sufferers throughout the world. Since the beginning it has been guided by the principles of the Catholic Church under the patronage of the Catholic Archbishops of Westminster. However, since our first grant of £50 in 1896 to help establish a “leper colony” in Burma (Myanmar), the Guild has never made any distinction regarding the creed or denomination of its beneficiaries, nor of race, colour, gender or age.

The Guild’s primary activity remained recognisably that of its founders, essentially stipendiary payments to leprosy villages, hospitals, clinics or communities that treat or care for leprosy sufferers and their dependents, until changing circumstances in recent years required us to re-consider our policies and activities.

By the 1970s a truly effective cure for the disease finally became available: multidrug therapy (MDT) using dapsone, clofazimine and rifampicin was recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1981 and has been provided free of charge by Novartis since 1991. There were impressive advances in leprosy control over the next three decades but this progress stalled in the 21st century with new cases reported to the WHO remaining stubbornly at around 200,000 annually. In response, the WHO launched its 2016-2020 Global Leprosy Strategy “Accelerating Towards a Leprosy-Free World”. From 2013 trustees became increasingly concerned that as the needs had changed so the Guild needed to refocus its strategy. What is more payments, donations, grant allocation and accounting systems all required urgent updating and upgrading.

A report on increasing voluntary income by an external charity fundraising consultancy was commissioned in 2017. Most of its recommendations were incorporated in the Guild’s Strategic Review “A Pilgrimage of Hope” published that November which proposed a radical change of direction, including the recruitment of an experienced professional Director to direct and supervise the administrative and fundraising effort. The Fundraising Plan 2018 based on that Review was approved by a Special General Meeting of the Guild on 21st February 2018, including making a sum of up to £100,000 from our reserves available to fund professional campaigns to appeal to new supporters in 2019.

Working with the Director, Trustees refined our strategy to respond to the changing landscape of leprosy. We resolved that, while continuing our traditional support of leprosy sufferers and their dependents who still need our help, we must re-focus funding increasingly on the eradication of leprosy for good, one community at a time, in support of the WHO’s objectives.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS 31st December 2019

Trustees (Executive Committee)

Very Reverend Fr Michael Copps OFM (Spiritual Director)
Mr Michael Forbes Smith (President)
Mr Christopher Wyatt FCA (Hon. Treasurer)
Sister Helen McMahon FMM (Hon. Secretary)
Dr Gosia Brykczynska
Prof Noel Gill
Prof Robin Graham-Brown
Ms Margaret Hood
Mr Paul Leavy
Mr Philip Newill
Ms Claire Tuhey

The Executive Committee are the Trustees of the Guild. With the exception of the Provincial of the Order of Friars Minor, who is Spiritual Director ex officio, members of the Executive Committee are elected by the General Committee at the Annual General Meeting. New Trustees are appointed on the basis of personal recommendation and previous experience. They are briefed on the activities of the Guild and their responsibilities as Trustees by the existing Trustees. All significant decisions are taken by the Trustees at meetings of the Executive Committee.

Director

Mr Kieran Kettleton

Administrator

Miss Sheila Pereira

Independent Examiners

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Principal Bankers

CAF Bank Limited, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4TA.

Registered Office

73 St Charles Square, London, W10 6EJ.

Charity Number 208741

TRUSTEES' REPORT

The Trustees (Executive Committee) present their statutory report together with the accounts of the St Francis Leprosy Guild for the year ended 31st December 2019.

OBJECTS

The objects of the Charity, as defined in the 2003 Charity Commission Scheme, are:

1. To give and grant relief and assistance of any description, including financial assistance to any persons suffering from leprosy, or the family or dependants of such persons throughout the world.
2. To carry out or fund the investigation and research of the causes, treatment, cure and prevention of the disease of leprosy and allied diseases; and,
3. To carry out or fund the professional education of those engaged in the diagnosis and treatment of leprosy.

In the distribution of our funds each year, the Trustees have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Review of Activities

Relief and Assistance

In 2019 our principal activity continued to be the relief, assistance and rehabilitation of people suffering from leprosy, those cured but disabled or ostracised by their communities, and their families and dependants, in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Funding for these activities was provided through Annual Maintenance Grants (AMGs). Through these grants we also supported rehabilitation towards self-sustainability of cured patients, including professional and vocational training and start-up funding, and the education of the children of leprosy sufferers occasionally up to tertiary level. Some case-finding outreach work was also encouraged. In total we awarded grants to 26 "Centres" (principally hospitals, clinics, leprosy villages and the like). The reduction in numbers (from 59 in 2018) was due to several factors. Encouragingly, some centres no longer have significant numbers of patients to support and have increasingly been able to rehabilitate former leprosy sufferers and their families back into the local communities. In others, the centres had sufficient financial resources to meet their needs without further support from the Guild. And some, regrettably, failed to provide sufficient details of their activities and accounts to satisfy the increased level of accountability demanded by donors and charity regulators. The applications were reviewed and awards recommended by Trustees with several years' experience of the Guild's application process, assisted by the electronic AMG application system introduced in 2017. Where necessary, further information was sought from Centres before deciding whether to recommend an award. All recommendations were confirmed by the AGM in May following which disbursement commenced.

Where grants were awarded in 2019:

| | |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Africa: | 7 Centres totalling £28,680 |
| India | 10 Centres totalling £38,500 |
| South East Asia: | 8 Centres totalling £38,500 |
| South America: | 1 Centre totalling £10,000 |
| Total | 26 Centres totalling £115,680 |

We also continued our support through “Project Grants”, for specific purposes, such as infrastructure development, small scale income-generating funding, vehicles, disaster relief and the like, when donor funding permits. In 2019, we supported two projects for emergency cyclone grants, totalling £5,000.

Towards a Leprosy-Free World

While “early detection work to avoid disability” had been a subsidiary consideration in our allocation of AMGs for many years, the imperative on active case-finding set out in the WHO’s 2016-20 Strategy “Accelerating towards a leprosy-free world” has informed the development of our operational strategy following adoption of our “Fundraising Plan 2018” commended by the Special General Meeting of 21st February 2018 and the subsequent appointment of our first professional Director. Detailed planning for this step-change in the focus of our activities, together with the other necessary related grant-making, administrative and governance changes outlined below, were carried forward throughout the year. 2019 will be the last year in which our grant-making has been overwhelmingly the award of AMGs. From now on we will be seeking to support projects that concentrate on primary health care and case-finding leading to early diagnosis and treatment. Such activities will normally be found in remote areas where leprosy remains endemic. Such projects will, by their nature, need financial support for some years. While we will never lessen our commitment to support those leprosy patients and former sufferers who, with their families, have been in our care and will still need external support for decades to come, it is the case that numbers are decreasing for reasons summarised in the Introduction. This, together with the initial success of the Fundraising Campaign, enabled us to conclude that we can prudently make such longer-term financial commitments through designating funds (see below). A number of the Centres we currently support through AMGs will be invited to consider sending project proposals, while we have had initial consultations with, for example, *Caritas Internationalis* about identifying other potential organisations who might meet these new criteria for Guild support.

Grant Making Policy

A Grant Making Policy Working Group was established as a sub-committee of the Executive Committee at its 17th July 2019 meeting. Its report on “Grants Strategy and Process” was approved by the Executive Committee in September 2019, providing for three categories of grants. Continuing the principle of AMGs for those Centres still requiring our traditional stipendiary support, “Small Grants” of less than £2,000 will be offered. These will have less onerous application procedures and may include, where

thought fit, emergency grants for specific purposes following, for example, natural disasters. Major Grants will be awarded, preferably on multi-year projects where specific outcomes relating to the eradication of the disease can be undertaken and success objectively judged. Thirdly, a designated fund to provide Research Grants will be set up, particularly where Guild support can lever in support from other grant-making bodies. Those Centres who received AMG's in 2019 were informed of these changes when the call for 2020 applications for grants was issued in November 2019.

Fundraising/Recruitment Policy

In January 2019, after careful planning, a fundraising campaign was launched to recruit new donors to support the appeal to end leprosy one community at a time. Trustees allocated funds from a significant legacy to enable advertisements and inserts to be published in newspapers and magazines that targeted potential audiences. Two rounds of advertising took place enabling us to almost double our supporter numbers. This is the beginning of a long-term strategy to engage more supporters in tackling leprosy.

Total voluntary income 1st Jan – 31st Dec 2019 was £308,084 (2018 £258,944).

Investment Policy

The Guild holds investments to support fluctuations in its cash flow.

The value of the Guild's investments at 31st December 2019 was £716,988 (2018 £871,645). During 2019 we incurred net realised and unrealised gains of £88,212 reported in the SOFA for 2019 and we liquidated £250,000 from the Guild's investment portfolio.

The Executive Committee has overall responsibility for the Guild's investment strategy. The Finance Sub-Committee, established in January 2014, meets as required to monitor the investment strategy with delegated responsibility from the Executive Committee. The funds are managed by Brewin Dolphin and the Guild takes advice from Brewin Dolphin investment professionals to help maximise the return on its investments and to ensure that the investment strategy remains fit for purpose whilst ensuring adherence to the Guild's Moral and Ethical Investment policy.

Reserves Policy

From its foundation until 2019, the Guild held only unrestricted reserves, with its policy objectives to maintain a level of unrestricted reserves that would enable the Guild to maintain a continuity of activity together with the ability to adjust in a measured way to significant changes in the external economic environment and demands for the grants provided by the Guild. However, in order to appropriately reflect the changes in our operational strategy and grant-making policies outlined above, Trustees also appointed an Accounts Working Group at the Executive Committee's 17th July 2019 meeting. It met on 18th December 2019. The Working Group recommended that the fundraising/recruitment funding (£100,000 for 2020-21) should be designated in the accounts, as should agreed long-term eradication programme grants (eg 3-5 years or longer, in the region of £3-5,000 annually each). A designated applied research and development fund (£200,000) was also recommended.

Financial Report

The Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) reports a surplus for the year of £138,850.

Our income for the year totalled £416,602 (2018 £253,768) which included donations of £145,046, legacies of £94,358, trust income of £68,680 and dividend and interest income of £20,306.

During 2019 the Guild approved total grants for payment amounting to £121,680 (2018 grants approved amounted to £221,500).

We maintain close attention to the control of, and where possible reduction of, our annual operating costs. In 2019 our operating cost expenditure was £74,615 compared to 2018 (£73,964).

Governance, Structure and Management

The Guild has been governed by the 2003 Charity Commission Scheme (208741). All key decisions were made in Executive Committee by the Trustees, up to thirteen in number with The Custos of the Orders of Friars Minor appointed ex officio as Spiritual Director. A General Committee, consisting of the Superiors of those Religious Orders with responsibilities towards any of the centres we supported, the Trustees, any honorary medical adviser and others interested in furthering the objects of the charity met annually to receive the Trustees' report and accounts for the past financial year.

In the past 40 years the Religious Orders once represented on the General committee have handed over responsibility for leprosy clinics and centres to local orders and organisations as their own membership declined. Fewer and fewer Religious Orders were represented on the General Committee.

With these considerations in mind, the Executive Committee decided at its 13th November 2019 Meeting that SFLG should apply to the Charity Commission to change our charitable status from an Unincorporated Charity to a Charitable Incorporated (Foundation) Organisation with a maximum of 12 Trustees.

Brief details about each of the current Trustees are as follows:

Chair of Trustees

Michael Forbes Smith KHS. A former British soldier (1971-78), diplomat (1978-2004; Ambassador to Tajikistan 2002-4) and Director General of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (2006-12). Both on overseas postings and at home, Michael has served in various ministries and offices in his local Roman Catholic parishes.

Hon Secretary

Sr Helen McMahan FMM. Entered the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary in 1956. Teacher in Catholic schools in deprived areas of London 1962-78. Brentwood Diocesan team 1980-86. Regional Superior for Scotland and the North of England 1986-1992. Official of the Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples, Vatican City, Rome 1992-2006. Honorary Secretary of the St Francis Leprosy Guild since 2006.

Hon Treasurer

Chris Wyatt is a Chartered Accountant with more than 40 years of International auditing, accounting, and corporate banking experience.

Trustee

Dr M (Gosia) Brykczynska, RN. Retired Paediatric Oncology Nurse and Nursing Lecturer at the Royal College of Nursing Institute of Advanced Nursing Studies. Author of many textbooks. Currently European President of *The International Association of Catholic Nurses (SICIAMS)*.

Trustee

Father Michael Copps has been a member of the Friars Minor (OFM) since 1965. From 1981 to 1990 he was Guardian and Novice Master in the community in Chilworth, Surrey. From 1990 to 1999 he was a Parish Priest in Nottingham and was Guardian of the community from 1994-1997. He was Parish Priest in St Antony's, Forest Gate 1999-2001 and then in the same role in St Francis, Stratford from 2002-2005. In 2005 he was elected Provincial of the friars in this country and served until 2014. After another period as Parish Priest in Stratford, was elected Custos in 2018.

Trustee

Noel Gill. An infectious disease epidemiologist and honorary professor at LSHTM, worked at the national infectious disease surveillance centre for England (1980- 2020), leading the HIV & STI team. He is currently assisting the COVID-19 emergency response.

Trustee

Professor Robin Graham-Brown KC*HS. A (mostly) retired Consultant Dermatologist at University Hospitals of Leicester and the Gibraltar Health Authority (1983-2018); Editor, British Journal of Dermatology (2000-2004); President, British Association of Dermatologists (2005-2006) and Dowling Club (2009-2010); Robin combined active clinical practice with research, teaching, authorship and clinical management at Trust Board level; he is active in his local parish and in the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem; he is chair of trustees of a Hospice in the East Midlands.

Trustee

Margaret Marie Elizabeth Felicia Hood has served on the SFLG committee for over 20 years. She is also a committee member of several other Roman Catholic charities and is a member of the Order of Malta.

Trustee

Claire Tuhey. A former British diplomat, (1976 - 2010). Extensive overseas experience, culminating in serving as Senior Management Officer and HM Consul Mumbai, 2005-2008, following on from 3 years as Second Secretary, Commercial, Mumbai. Volunteer with the Guild since 2011, subsequently a trustee. Actively involved in the British expatriate and local communities overseas and have helped local parish community when at home.

Trustee

Paul Leavy. After graduating in Chemistry, Paul worked in information science at Thomson companies for 30 years, communicating with overseas offices, and gaining IT and interpersonal skills. Upon retirement, he became a volunteer at the Guild, subsequently taking over as Administrator for 3 years, and so acquired knowledge of the many leprosy centres supported by the Guild. Paul is also a volunteer at Westminster Cathedral.

Trustee

Philip Newill. Catholic. Bank Clerk with NatWest Bank (1971-2009); member of Legion of Mary (1982-2020); Volunteer with St Francis Leprosy Guild (2000-2020).

Volunteers

During 2019 the Director and Administration Officer (both of whom work part-time) were the only persons paid by the Guild. Otherwise the Guild relies for its management and administration on the work carried out by the Trustees and by other volunteers who provide their services free. In the opinion of the Trustees it is not practical to quantify the value of the services provided.

Relationships with Other Parties

St Francis Leprosy Guild increased its cooperation with other leprosy agencies throughout the year, in particular with Lepra, who were actively supportive both by assisting us in the preparation of our Safeguarding Policy (see below) and in taking forward measures to increase the understanding of the continuing need for action to better control the incidence of leprosy in Government. As the year ended, we had taken the lead in seeking meetings for ourselves, Lepra and the Leprosy Mission for England and Wales with Fiona Bruce MP, then Secretary of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases.

Annual Mass 2019

This annual event took place at the Jesuit church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London on 23 October and was attended by many supporters. The Mass was celebrated by Archbishop George Stack. After the Mass, at the customary reception, two of the medical students who had received grants from the Guild towards their overseas elective work experience, spoke of the challenges in halting the spread of leprosy.

125th Anniversary

The 125th Anniversary of the foundation of the Guild falls on 23rd October 2020. It was decided at the Executive Committee meeting on 13th November 2019 that a small working group be set up to put together a programme of events throughout the year. The working group met on 27 November 2019.

Risk Management

The Trustees take expert advice on managing St Francis Leprosy Guild investments and maintain an ethical investment policy which is relevant to the charity's objects and constitution. The Trustees exercise their powers through the Executive Committee and consider that the charity has adequate risk management, reporting, and approval procedures in place in particular regarding the exercising of authority delegated by the Executive Committee to the Finance Sub-Committee which oversees Investment and other St Frances Leprosy Guild financial matters.

The determination and allocation of annual grants made by St Francis Leprosy Guild is the sole responsibility of the Executive Committee and is subject to final approval by the General Committee.

Safeguarding

Although the Guild has no staff in direct contact with leprosy sufferers, vulnerable adults or children, the prime purpose of those centres we support is the daily care of such persons. Following the Executive Committee's decision to require in future all those receiving grants from us to undertake to comply with the safeguarding best practice guidance of Government and the Catholic Church, the Chair of trustees drafted a Safeguarding Policy and Code of Conduct drawing on this guidance appropriate to the circumstances of all those centres we support throughout the world. The drafts were approved by Trustees on 10 January 2019 and all Centres have since been required to confirm in writing that they were in full compliance with both documents (see website) before being considered eligible to receive further financial support from us.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities in respect of the accounts

The Charities Act 2011 requires the Trustees to prepare accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Guild and of its financial activities for that year.

In preparing those accounts, the Trustees are required to:

- a) select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- b) make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- c) state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the accounts;
- d) prepare the accounts on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Guild will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Guild at that time and enable the Trustees to ensure that any statement of account prepared by them complies with the regulations under Section 154 of the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Guild and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Trustees confirm that so far as they are aware, there is no relevant accounting information of which the Guild's Independent Examiner is unaware. They have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant accounting information and to establish that the Guild's Independent Examiner is aware of that information.

Signed on behalf of St Francis Leprosy Guild Trustees:



Chris Wyatt (Trustee and Hon. Treasurer) Date 9 December 2020

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2019

| Incoming resources | | | 2019 |
|---------------------------|--|-------------------|-------------|
| 2018 | | | £ |
| £ | | | |
| | Incoming resources from generated funds | | |
| | Voluntary income | | |
| 79,844 | Donations - unrestricted | 131,233 | |
| 3,338 | Church collections and donations | 13,813 | |
| 139,237 | Legacies | 94,358 | |
| 36,525 | Trust Income | 68,680 | |
| 258,944 | | 308,084 | |
| | Investment income | | |
| 140 | Bank interest | 343 | |
| 25,808 | Other investment income | 19,963 | |
| (24,493) | Unrealised Gain on investments | 72,469 | |
| (6,631) | Realised Gain on Investments | 15,743 | |
| (5,176) | | 108,518 | |
| 253,768 | Total incoming resources | £416,602 | |
| | | | |
| 2018 | | | 2019 |
| £ | | | £ |
| 4,203 | Costs of generating voluntary income | | 79,707 |
| | Charitable activities | | |
| 221,500 | Maintenance grants | 120,680 | |
| - | Special grants for projects | - | |
| - | Educational grants | 1,000 | |
| 221,500 | | 121,680 | |
| 73,964 | Support costs | 74,615 | |
| 295,464 | | 196,295 | |
| 1,500 | Governance costs – Independent Examiner’s fee | 1,750 | |
| 9,390 | Consultancy Fees | -- | |
| 310,557 | Total resources expended | 277,752 | |
| (56,789) | Net incoming (outgoing) resources | 138,850 | |
| | Reconciliation of funds | | |
| 1,071,699 | Fund balance brought forward at 1 January 2018 | 1,014,910 | |
| £1,014,910 | Fund balance carried forward at 31 December 2019 | £1,153,760 | |

Balance sheet as at 31 December 2019

| 2018 | | 2019 |
|-----------|--|-----------|
| £ | | £ |
| | Current assets | |
| 142,474 | Bank balances | 432,212 |
| 871,645 | Investments | 716,988 |
| - | Debtors | 182 |
| 29,787 | Accrued income and prepayments | 8,138 |
| 1,043,906 | | 1,157,520 |
| | Creditors - amounts falling due within one year | |
| (3,996) | Accrued liabilities | (3,760) |
| (25,000) | Commitment for future grant payments | - |
| (28,996) | | (3,760) |
| 1,014,910 | Net current assets | 1,153,760 |
| | Funds | |
| 1,014,910 | Unrestricted | 1,153,760 |

Accounting policies

1. **Basis of Accounting.** The charity is a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) revised October 2019 and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a true and fair view. This departure has involved following Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) revised October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

The presentation currency of the Financial Statements is the pound sterling (£) and the financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

2. Legacy income is brought into account when the amount receivable can be established with reasonable certainty. Income tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations is treated as receivable in the period in which the income from which it arises is received. All other income is brought into account when it is received unless its future receipt can be established with certainty.
3. Grants are accounted for in the period in which the expenditure is committed. Administration and Fundraising Expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis.
4. Expenditure on office equipment is written off in the period in which the expenditure arises unless the cost exceeds £3,000 in which case the expenditure is written off over a five-year period.
5. Investments are valued at the current market value at the balance sheet date.

Funds

6. All funds constitute a single fund which is unrestricted and can be used for the objects of the Guild.
7. The underlying Guild reserves policy, approved by the Executive Committee, is to maintain a level of unrestricted reserves that will enable the Guild to maintain a continuity of activity together with the ability to adjust in a measured way to significant changes in the external economic environment and demands for the grants provided by the Guild.

Incoming resources

8. Three large legacies received during the year accounted for £70,358 of the total of £94,358.
9. Tax recoverable amounting to £9,367 on income received under Gift Aid has been included in subscriptions and donations.

Grants

10. Details of grants paid are given in Appendices A to the Trustees' Report.

Support costs

11 Support costs relating to the Guild's charitable activities comprised:

| 2018 | | 2019 |
|----------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| £ | | £ |
| 3,600 | Legal & Professional Fees | - |
| 738 | Bank Charges | 616 |
| | Investment Management | |
| 17,624 | Charges | 11,408 |
| 7,564 | I.T. and Miscellaneous | 5,839 |
| 259 | Insurance | 456 |
| - | Office equipment | 670 |
| 17,880 | Rent and office costs | 17,640 |
| 22,764 | Salary costs (two employees) | 36,619 |
| 1,160 | Stationery | 183 |
| 1,113 | Telephone, fax and internet | 1,024 |
| 1,262 | Compliance and Governance | - |
| - | Depreciation | 160 |
| <u>£73,964</u> | | <u>74,615</u> |

Investments

12 Investments include a portfolio of investments managed by Brewin Dolphin with a market value at 31 December 2019 of £716,988

Trustees' remuneration and expenses

13. None of the Trustees was remunerated or received any reimbursement of expenses during the year.

Going Concern

14. The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis, no material uncertainties that may cause significant doubt about the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern have been identified by the Trustees.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Chris Wyatt (Trustee and Hon. Treasurer)

Date 9 December 2020

APPENDIX A**St Francis Leprosy Guild Maintenance Grants 2019**

| COUNTRY | CENTRE | GRANT 2019 |
|----------------|--|-------------------|
| Bangladesh | DHANJURI | £15,000 |
| Brazil | LABREA | £10,000 |
| DRC Congo | Dubie, Sandoa and Dilolo Poste | £5,000 |
| India | BOMBAY LEPROSY PROJECT | £3,000 |
| India | DALLI RAJHARA | £4,000 |
| India | DINDIGUL | £2,500 |
| India | FATHIMA NAGAR | £5,000 |
| India | JARANGDIH | £3,000 |
| India | KARAIKAL | £1,500 |
| India | MUNIGUDA | £8,000 |
| India | NUZVID | £3,500 |
| India | PRAKASAM | £4,000 |
| India | PURI | £4,000 |
| Liberia | MASSATINE | £4,500 |
| Madagascar | MARANA | £5,500 |
| Myanmar | LOILEM | £3,000 |
| Myanmar | THAYET MYO | £3,500 |
| Nepal | POKHARA | £4,000 |
| Nigeria | ABAKALIKI | £6,000 |
| Nigeria | ELEME (EBUBU) | £2,680 |
| Pakistan | KARACHI | £7,000 |
| Sri Lanka | BADULLA | £2,500 |
| Sri Lanka | HENDALA | £2,500 |
| Sri Lanka | MANTHIVU | £1,000 |
| Uganda | ARUA | £1,500 |
| Uganda | MORULEM | £3,500 |
| | | £115,680 |
| | Two emergency maintenance grants @ £2,500 | £5,000 |

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of St Francis Leprosy Guild
Charity Number 208741**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2019 which are set out on pages 11 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

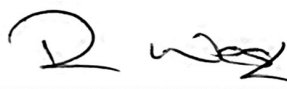
Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concern and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.


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18/12/2020
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