Unaudited annual report for the year ended 31 December 2022

Annual report for the year ended 31 December 2022

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Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2022

The Trustees submit their annual report and the unaudited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022. The Trustees have adopted the Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preparing the annual report and financial statements of the charity.

Reference and administrative information

Northern Ireland:

Mothers' Union in Ireland is registered with the Charity Regulator in the Republic of Ireland, number 20007331. When possible, the charity intends to register with The Charity Commission NI as a section 167 institution. Individual dioceses have been registered separately.

Trustees

The Trustees who served during the year are:

June Butler- All Ireland President	Irene Boyd	Lucy Kavanagh
Kay Clarke- Vice President	Hilary Dring	Sylvia Wheatley
Patsy Devoy- Vice President	Sally Cotter	Myrtle Nairn
Hazel Speares- Vice President	Jacqui Armstrong	Kaye Nesbitt
Joy Gordon- Vice President	Mavis Thompson	Clare Stewart
Debbie Davidson	Ada Lawson	Beth Wortley
Lesley Bayley	Ann Howard	Margaret Jacob

Others:

Brigit Barrett - Administrative officer (March to December 2022 inclusive) Andrea Thompson - Charity Co-ordinator Rev. Ken Rue FCA – Treasurer

The principal and registered office of the charity is St. Michans Church, Church Street, Dublin 7.

The professional advisers and bankers are:

Accountants - HMCI Limited T/A Hamill McIlwaine, 28-30 Old Mountfield Road, Omagh

Bankers – AIB, 7-12 Dame St, Dublin 2

- AIB, St Helens, 1Undershaft, London, EC3A 8AB

Structure, governance and management

Governing document and structure

The charity is controlled by its governing documents, a deed of trust, and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The Mothers' Union in Ireland (Northern Ireland Activities) encompass the following Mothers' Union dioceses:

	Charity number
Armagh Diocesan Mothers' Union	102965
The Mothers' Union, Diocese of Clogher	100592
Mothers' Union Connor Diocese	101658
Derry and Raphoe Mothers' Union	100834
Mothers' Union Down & Dromore	105094

Only the Northern Ireland activities of the above dioceses and their branches are included in these financial statements.

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

Governing document and structure (cont.)

The Kilmore, Elphin & Ardagh diocesan accounts are included in Mothers' Union (Republic of Ireland Activities) financial statements. One of its branches is located in Northern Ireland and its accounts are included in these financial statements.

Risk management

The Trustee Board actively reviews the risks which the Trust faces and believes that any risks identified are addressed by it on a timely basis. Such reviews include ensuring appropriate controls are in place to provide reasonable assurance against fraud and error.

Objectives and principal activities

The charity's purpose is the relief of poverty or economic hardship, advancement of religion, advancement of community welfare including the relief of those in need by reason of youth, age, ill-health, or disability, the advancement of community development, including rural or urban regeneration, promotion of civic responsibility or voluntary work, promotion of health, including the prevention or relief of sickness, disease or human suffering and the advancement of conflict resolution or reconciliation, promotion of religious or racial harmony and harmonious community relations.

The Aim of the charity is the advancement of the Christian religion in the sphere of marriage and family life. In order to carry out this aim, its objectives are:

- -To uphold Christ's teaching on the nature of marriage and promote its wider understanding.
- -To encourage parents to bring up their children in the faith and life of the Church.
- -To maintain a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service.
- -To promote conditions in society favourable to stable family life and the protection of children.
- -To help those whose family life has met with adversity.

'Away from It All' holidays provided to enable families to spend time together either through a short break or even daily outings.

Support for action against gender based violence, in particular raising awareness during the 16 Days of Activism against gender based violence.

Support for Indoor members through visiting and writing. Emergency bags for those being admitted to hospital unexpectedly, knitting for premature babies, fiddle blankets and prayer shawls.

Support for families at prison visitor centres.

In all of its activities, the charity follows the Safeguarding policies and procedures issued by the Church of Ireland and, in particular, its Adult Safeguarding policy.

Public benefit statement

The Trust is satisfied that it adheres to the public benefit test set out by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland due to the objectives and activities it provides as outlined above.

Trustees' report for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

Achievements and performance

Review of activities and future developments

The statement of financial activities for the year is set out on page 5 of the financial statements. The net movement in funds for the financial year is a surplus of £21,703 (2021: £11,643).

Reserves policy and results

Mothers' Union in Ireland (Northern Ireland Activities) had total reserves at 31 December 2022 of £329,942 (2021: £308,239).

The results for the year are set out in the statement of financial activities on page 5.

Trustees' certificate

We approve the accounts set out on pages 5 to 14 for the year ended 31 December 2022 disclosing a surplus of £21,703 (2021: £11,643). We confirm that we have made available all relevant records and information for their preparation.

June Butler All-Ireland President Date: 10 October 2023

Independent examiner's report to the charity trustees of Mothers' Union in Ireland

I report on the accounts for the Northern Ireland Activities of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2022, which are set out on pages 5 to 14.

Respective responsibilities of charity trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 65 of the Charities Act,
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

I have examined your charity accounts as required under section 65 of the Charities Act and my examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland under section 65(9)(b) of the Charities Act. My examination included a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as charity trustees concerning any such matters.

My role is to state whether any material matters have come to my attention giving me cause to believe:

- 1. That accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 63 of the Charities Act,
- 2. That the accounts do not accord with those accounting records,
- 3. That the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements the Charities Act, and
- 4. That there is further information needed for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner's statement

I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a registered member of Chartered Accountants Ireland which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination and have no concerns in respect of the matters (1) to (4) listed above and, in connection with following the Directions of the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland, I have found no matters that require drawing to your attention.

Mr Rodney Hamill BSc. FCA HMCI Limited T/A Hamill McIlwaine 28-30 Old Mountfield Road Omagh Co Tyrone BT79 7BJ

Date: 10 October 2023

Statement of financial activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	2a	20,742	-	20,742	15,201
Activities for generating funds	2b	19,449	-	19,449	16,627
Investment income	2c	500	452	952	853
Incoming resources from charitable activities					
Charitable activities	2d	114,289	57,257	171,546	163,046
Other incoming resources	2e	55,462	-	55,462	24,739
Total incoming resources		210,442	57,709	268,151	220,466
Resources expended Charitable activities:					
Raising funds	3a	6,214	-	6,214	7,015
Charitable activities	3b	182,854	54,079	236,933	203,732
Total resources expended		189,068	54,079	243,147	210,747
Net incoming resources		21,374	3,630	25,004	9,719
Gain/(loss) on investments	4	(2,384)	(917)	(3,301)	1,924
		18,990	2,713	21,703	11,643
Transfer between funds		(8,034)	8,034	-	-
Net movement of funds		10,956	10,747	21,703	11,643
Fund balances brought forward at 1 January 2022		227,756	80,483	308,239	292,097
Introduction of additional Fund balances at 1 January 2022		<u>-</u>	-	_	4,499
Fund balances carried forward at 31 December 2022		238,712	91,230	329,942	308,239

Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2022

		Province funds	Diocesan funds	Branch funds		
	Note	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2022 £	2021 £
Current assets		~	~	~	~	
Investments- RCB Unit Trust	4	-	23,334	-	23,334	26,635
Petty cash		-	384	6,676	7,060	4,271
Current accounts		89,157	96,817	129,956	315,930	295,759
Deposit accounts		-	-	8,161	8,161	1,012
Stock	5	-	1,580	-	1,580	216
Debtors	6	1,892	-	-	1,892	2,400
Total assets		91,049	122,115	144,793	357,957	330,293
Current liabilities						
Creditors	7	(1,715)	(942)	-	(2,657)	(2,400)
Subscriptions in advance	8	-	-	(25,358)	(25,358)	(19,654)
Total Liabilities		(1,715)	(942)	(25,358)	(28,015)	(22,054)
Net Assets		89,334	121,173	119,435	329,942	308,239
Reserves						
Unrestricted funds	10	23,189	98,232	117,291	238,712	227,756
Restricted funds	11	66,145	22,941	2,144	91,230	80,483
Total Funds		89,334	121,173	119,435	329,942	308,239

The accounts on pages 5 to 14 were approved by the Board of Trustees on 10 October 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

June Butler All Ireland President

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022

1 Principal accounting policies

Accounting convention

These financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis under the historical cost convention, as modified by the valuation of investments, and in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The principal accounting policies are set out below.

Scope of Accounts

Theses financial statements incorporate the Northern Ireland Activities of the Province, 5 Dioceses and 179 Branches (2021: 183 Branches) of Mothers' Union in Ireland.

Functional currency

The presentation currency of the financial statements is the pound sterling (£).

Incoming resources

Incoming resources are received by way of donations and gifts and are included in full in the statement of financial activities upon receipt.

Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all costs related to that category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with use of the resources. The main activity categories are:

• Charitable activities

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to supply them.

• Governance costs

Governance costs include expenditure on administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements, and an appropriate apportionment of indirect costs.

Investments

Investments in RCB Unit Trusts are initially recorded at cost and then subsequently stated at fair value at each year end date.

Stocks

Stocks are stated at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Specific provision is made for obsolete and slow-moving stock on an item by item basis.

Subscriptions in advance

Some member subscriptions are received in advance prior to the commencement for the following year and these are included under liabilities.

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

1 Accounting policies (cont.)

Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds are donations and other incoming resources received or generated which are expendable at the discretion of the charity in furtherance of its objectives

Restricted funds

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

2 Incoming resources

Incoming resources from generated funds:	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total
2a Voluntary income:				
Gifts	16,445	-	16,445	15,201
Annual Gathering	4,297	-	4,297	-
	20,742	-	20,742	15,201
Represented by:				
Provincial income	4,330	-	4,330	2,500
Diocesan income	377	-	377	40
Branch income	16,035	-	16,035	12,661
	20,742	-	20,742	15,201
2b Activities for generating funds:				
General fundraising events	19,449	-	19,449	16,627
Represented by:				
Provincial income	4,524	2,165	6,689	16,059
Diocesan income	1,227	-	1,227	7,355
Branch income	18,222	-	18,222	6,388
Transfers of Income	(4,524)	(2,165)	(6,689)	(13,175)
	19,449	-	19,449	16,627

Mothers' Union in Ireland (Northern Ireland Activities) Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

2 Incoming resources (cont.)

Incoming resources from generated funds:	Unrestricted funds ${\mathfrak k}$	Restricted funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
2c Investment income:				
Bank interest received	87	5	92	103
RCB dividend income	413	447	860	750
	500	452	952	853
Represented by:				
Provincial income	-	-	-	3
Diocesan income	428	452	880	791
Branch income	72	-	72	59
	500	452	952	853
2d Charitable activities:				
Members' subscriptions	82,095	-	82,095	84,515
Mums in May	-	5,447	5,447	14,595
Overseas Funds	-	42,667	42,667	38,713
Domestic Violence	-	4,945	4,945	-
Republic of Ireland Funds	-	2,432	2,432	757
MU Enterprises	8,672	-	8,672	3,483
Merchandise Sales	1,740	-	1,740	-
Diocesan Away From It All	-	1,766	1,766	6,410
Getaway Weekend Income	5,115	-	5,115	-
Other Provincial Income	520	-	520	-
Other Diocesan income	11,573	-	11,573	4,072
Other Branch income	2,441	-	2,441	7,137
Transfers from Republic of Ireland Activities	2,133	-	2,133	3,364
	114,289	57,257	171,546	163,046
Represented by:				
Provincial income	85,089	54,553	139,642	128,429
Diocesan income	105,476	59,499	164,975	166,503
Branch income	86,652	38,768	125,420	136,282
Transfer of income	(162,928)	(95,563)	(258,491)	(268,168)
	114,289	57,257	171,546	163,046

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

2 Incoming resources (cont.)

Incoming resources from generated funds:	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
2e Other incoming resources				
Outings	29,971	-	29,971	5,399
Grants	2,682	-	2,682	19,340
Sundry income	22,809	-	22,809	5,399
	55,462	-	55,462	24,739
Represented by:				
Provincial income	-	-	-	3,000
Diocesan income	8,097	-	8,097	11,690
Branch income	50,179	-	50,179	10,290
Transfer of income	(2,814)	-	(2,814)	(241)
	55,462	-	55,462	24,739

3 Resources expended

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
3a Raising funds				
Fundraising events	3,308	-	3,308	7,015
Merchandise Purchases	2,906	-	2,906	-
	6,214	-	6,214	7,015
Represented by:				
Provincial expenditure	2,906	-	2,906	-
Diocesan expenditure	1,425	-	1,425	4,990
Branch expenditure	3,308	-	3,308	2,025
Transfers of expenditure	(1,425)	-	(1,425)	-
	6,214	-	6,214	7,015

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

3 Resources expended (cont.)

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
3b Charitable activities				
Mary Sumner House subscriptions	51,700	-	51,700	51,800
Mums in May	-	1,500	1,500	1,274
Overseas funds	-	45,165	45,165	60,176
Domestic Violence	-	360	360	-
MU Enterprises	4,403	-	4,403	3,886
Diocesan Away From It All	-	4,929	4,929	8,175
Outings	33,574	-	33,574	6,167
Getaway weekend expenses	894	-	894	-
Other projects	31,491	2,027	33,518	26,821
Support costs:				
President's expenses	1,509	-	1,509	724
Meeting fees and travel costs	11,776	-	11,776	3,770
Stationery, postage and photocopying	4,794	-	4,794	2,744
Insurance	5,275	-	5,275	2,566
Advertising	150	-	150	-
Accountancy fees	855	-	855	600
Bank fees	4,143	98	4,241	3,310
Other Provincial Expenses	676	-	676	1,072
Other Diocesan Expenses	4,153	-	4,153	4,745
Other Branch Expenses	7,371	-	7,371	4,942
Contribution to ROI Costs	19,340	-	19,340	20,000
Transfers to ROI activities	750	-	750	960
Total charitable activities	182,854	54,079	236,933	203,732

Represented by:				
Provincial expenditure	86,200	50,088	136,288	142,443
Diocesan expenditure	109,314	60,098	169,412	173,645
Branch expenditure	156,139	41,663	197,802	169,228
Transfers of expenditure	(168,799)	(97,770)	(266,569)	(281,584)
	182,854	54,079	236,933	203,732

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

4 Investments in RCB Unit Trust

Unrestricted investments £	Restricted investments £	2022 Total £
19,236	7,399	26,635
(2,384)	(917)	(3,301)
16,852	6,482	23,334
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5 Stocks

	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£
MU Enterprises stock	1,580	216

6 Debtors

	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Subscriptions due	968	1,963
Prepayments	924	437
	1,892	2,400

7 Creditors

	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
Creditors	942	-
Accruals	1,715	2,400
	2,657	2,400

8 Subscriptions in advance

	2022	2021
	Total	Total
	£	£
Subscriptions paid in respect of the following	25,358	19,654
year		

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

9 Unrestricted Funds

	Province	Dioceses	Branches	Total
	£	£	£	£
Balance as at 1st January 2022	19,974	99,778	108,004	227,756
Net movement of funds	3,215	(1,546)	9,287	10,956
Balance as at 31st December 2022	23,189	98,232	117,291	238,712

10 Restricted funds

	Mums in May £	Overseas funds £	Domestic Violence £	Diocesan AFIA £	Other funds	Total funds £
Province						
Balance as at 1 st January 2022	24,054	32,689	-	-		56,743
Incoming resources	6,690	47,855	4,945	-	-	59,490
Resources expended	(4,681)	(45,047)	(360)	-	-	(50,088)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	26,063	35,497	4,585	-	-	66,145
Dioceses						
Balance as at 1 st January 2022	1,155	704	-	12,997	6,071	20,927
Incoming resources	1,873	12,103	-	6,611	6,079	26,666
Decrease in valuation of investment	-	-	=	(917)	-	(917)
Resources expended	(1,881)	(12,096)	-	(5,671)	(4,087)	(23,735)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	1,147	711	-	13,020	8,063	22,941
Branches						
Balance as at 1 st January 2022	_	2,813	_	_	_	2,813
Incoming resources	_	6,093	_	-	_	6,093
Resources expended	_	(6,762)	_	_	_	(6,762)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	-	2,144	-	-	-	2,144
Totals						
Balance as at 1st January 2022	25,209	36,206	_	12,997	6,071	80,483
Incoming resources	8,563	66,051	4,945	6,611	10,836	92,249
Decrease in valuation of investment	-	_	-	(917)	-	(917)
Resources expended	(6,562)	(63,905)	(360)	(5,671)	(8,789)	(80,585)
Balance as at 31 December 2022	27,210	38,352	4,585	13,020	6,071	91,230

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2022 (continued)

10 Restricted funds (cont.)

Mums in May

Fundraising campaign inaugurated in 2012 to mark 125th anniversary of Mothers' Union in Ireland and continued triennially. Funds are raised for the work of Mothers' Union Worldwide; support of projects and the development of Mothers' Union in All-Ireland. It is administered by a sub-committee appointed by All-Ireland Trustees.

Overseas Funds

These are funds raised in Ireland and sent to the Mothers' Union in Mary Sumner House, London, for distribution to various overseas projects.

Domestic Violence

These are funds raised to assist victims of Domestic Abuse and provide educational courses on the topic of Domestic Violence.

Diocesan AFIA

The Dioceses maintain funds to provide for 'Away from it all' (AFIA) holidays to enable families to spend time together through a short break or even daily outings.

Other Funds

The Dioceses and Branches maintain other funds for specific purposes.

11 Comparative figures

The comparative figures have been shown, where possible, on a comparable basis to those of the current year.

12 Transactions with the Trustees

No Trustee received any remuneration during the year.

No Trustee or a person related to a trustee had any personal interest in any contract or transaction entered into by the charity during the year.

13 Governance Costs

Governance costs of £780 were incurred during the year (2021: £600). These costs related to fees paid to the independent examiner.

14 Associated Charity

Mothers' Union in Ireland is an independent charity affiliated to the Mothers' Union, an unincorporated charity regulated by the Charity Commissioners in England and Wales.