



Vincentian Lay Missionaries
Annual Report and Audited Financial Statements
for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Directors	Richard Brophy (Resigned 7 March 2023) Dymphna Cullen Rory Dodd (Resigned 5 October 2023) Ian Garrigan (Resigned 4 March 2024) Geraldine Henry DC Susan Looby (Appointed 4 March 2024) Mary Patricia Looney (Appointed 4 March 2024) Rose McGowan (Resigned 7 March 2023) Stephen Monaghan CM Miriam O'Regan Aidan Whyte Ricardo Zaidan (Appointed 4 March 2024)
Company Secretary	Stephen Monaghan CM
Charity Number	CHY 17070
Charities Regulatory Authority Number	20062866
Company Registration Number	426535
Registered Office and Principal Address	St Peter's Church Phibsborough Dublin 7
Auditors	BFGD Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm 1 Castlewood Avenue Rathmines Dublin 6
Principal Bankers	Allied Irish Banks plc. 140 Lower Drumcondra Road Dublin 9

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DIRECTORS' ANNUAL REPORT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

The directors present their Directors' Annual Report, combining the Directors' Report and Trustees' Report, and the audited financial statements for the financial year ended 31 December 2023.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their financial statements in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The Directors' Report contains the information required to be provided in the Directors' Annual Report under the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) guidelines. The directors of the company are also charity trustees for the purpose of charity law and under the company's constitution are known as members of the board of trustees.

In this report the directors of Vincentian Lay Missionaries ("VLM" or "the company") present a summary of its purpose, governance, activities, achievements and finances for the financial year 2023.

The company is a registered charity and hence the report and results are presented in a form which complies with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014 and, although not obliged to comply with the Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP effective 1 January 2019), the organisation has implemented its recommendations where relevant in these financial statements.

The company is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

Mission, Objectives and Strategy

Mission Statement

To form and facilitate our members to immerse themselves in the experience and culture of the Vincentian mission overseas, so that reflecting on the learned experience, they will, on their return, effect change and transformation both locally and globally.

Objectives

The main objectives of the Vincentian Lay Missionaries (as stated in the Constitution of the Company) is to alleviate poverty in communities in the developing world through the promotion of education, health, poverty and community projects, through the provision of personnel and funding.

The Company is established to do all or any of the following powers for the purpose of attaining and insofar as they are consistent with the main objective:

- I. To raise awareness in Ireland to the needs of the Global South.
- II. To fundraise, to issue appeals, to solicit and receive donations, subscriptions, gifts and bequests of all kinds for the promotion and furtherance of the above objective of the Company and to provide funding where necessary for other similar charitable bodies having their main objectives or purposes wholly or partially similar to those of the Company.

VLM supports this work by sending professional people to share their knowledge and skills. Capacity building of these projects and of their personnel is a key objective of VLM.

Strategy

A strategic plan for 2022-2026 has been approved by the Board.

Structure, Governance and Management

Structure

VLM is managed by a voluntary board of management made up of former volunteers, Vincentian priests, representatives of the Daughters of Charity and lay people with specific expertise. VLM is a registered company and a registered charity. The Board is governed by its Constitution and agreed objectives and activities. It was registered on 15 September 2006 as a company limited by guarantee, not having share capital, by the Companies Registration Office, Company Number 426535 and is subject to Irish company laws. Its tax exemption status was renewed by Revenue until 2 October 2024, Registered Charity Number CHY 17070. It has been registered as a charity by the Charity Regulator, Charities Regulatory Authority Number 20062866. The company is registered as an employer for taxation purposes. The governance and decisions of VLM resides in its Board, and is subject to the Companies Act 2014. It is independent in its governance, decisions and operations.

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VLM approved individual projects in Africa receive funding from the Irish Government from time to time through the Department of Foreign Affairs (Misean Cara), from the Vincentians in Ireland, from volunteers who self-fund the cost of their training, flights and accommodation, from Board of Management fundraising initiatives and from some individual benefactors who support the work of VLM through personal donations or various fundraising activities. The charity allocates between 5% and 10% of certain donations to a sustainability fund to assist in the running of the charity.

In 2023 VLM continued to observe the high standards for sending overseas volunteers as per the Comhlámh Code of Good Practice, the Dóchas Code on Images, and compliance with the Charities Regulator Code of Good Governance.

Donors:

The Board of VLM would like to thank its donors and supporters:

- The Vincentian Fathers
- The Daughters of Charity
- The Ethiopia Deaf Project sub-committee
- Margaret Ann O'Brien
- VLM volunteers, their friends and families
- St Vincent's Castleknock College staff, parents and students
- The Castleknock College Union
- St Paul's College, Raheny staff, parents and students
- St Mary's Holy Faith Secondary School, Glasnevin, staff, parents and students
- The staff and parishioners of St Peter's Parish, Phibsborough
- Individual donors from Ireland and beyond.

Staff, Committee Members and Professional Associates:

The Board of VLM would like to thank everyone who has worked to help VLM achieve its operational aims, namely the Sub-Committee Members, staff of VLM, and our partners in Ethiopia, Kenya, Ghana and Tanzania. We would like to thank our auditors, BFGD Chartered Accountants for their service to the organisation in 2023.

The Board also wishes to express a special word of thanks to our partners in Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya and Tanzania for the great care and hospitality they show to all our volunteers.

Charities Governance Code

VLM complies with the Charities Governance Code issued by the Charities Regulator of Ireland. In 2023, VLM made a submission of full compliance with the Charity Regulator's Code of Good Governance. An Annual Report for the Charity Regulator was completed, reviewed, and approved by the Board at the end of 2023.

Governance

VLM has a Finance Committee and Governance & Compliance Committees, which oversee the efficient financial, risk management and governance of VLM and report and make recommendations to the board.

Review of Activities, Achievements and Performance

Key activities in 2023

In 2023, a total of 14 adult volunteer placements took place in Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya and Tanzania. In June 2023, 12 students and 2 teachers from St Vincent's Castleknock College volunteered at the De Paul School in Thigio, Kenya as part of the schools immersion programme.

VLM staff, board members and past volunteers supported the volunteer placement programmes through recruitment, training, meetings with parents, preparing and attending events and debriefing activities when volunteers returned.

The Board and sub-committees continued to support the organisation's work in the areas of governance, finance, volunteering, social media, and fundraising.

VLM's main fundraising activities in 2023 were a table quiz, Ethiopian Night, African Run Ireland, Christmas raffle and a sponsored school sleep-out. This activity was in addition to supporting the fundraising activities of volunteers and schools for their own placements, and channelling donations from Ireland to our mission projects across Africa.

Volunteers main fundraising activities for overseas projects in 2023 were: €18,767 was raised to buy a school bus for the St Catherine Labouré school run by the Daughters of Charity in Masanga, Tanzania; €9,400 was raised for the Daughters of Charity in Alitena; over €17,000 was raised to build a dining room/kitchen for the De Paul School run by the Vincentian Fathers in Thigio, Kenya. Additionally, almost €25,000 was raised for the Kindergarten in Ambo.

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The Ethiopia Deaf Project sub-committee raised €77,391 for the Ambo Lazarist School for the Deaf in 2023, mainly through securing school fee sponsorship for deaf children and through corporate donations for the project. The Ethiopia Deaf Project sub-committee took the decision to establish themselves as a charity in their own right in April 2022 and this was agreed to by the board of VLM. This process is still ongoing in 2024.

2023 also saw work towards building new partnerships and maintaining existing ones. The Coordinator, Madeleine Frissung, travelled to Kenya in June 2023 to develop new opportunities for schools' immersion programmes and adult volunteer placements. VLM started parish collections in 2023 in conjunction with the Daughters of Charity. Six church collections in the Diocese of Armagh raised a total of €7,572 and €5,000 of this was sent to Tigray to pay school fees for children affected by the war.

VLM is continuing to develop and maintain partnerships with Vincentian Fathers and Daughters of Charity projects in Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya and Tanzania, with opportunities for volunteer placements in all of these countries in 2024. Fundraising continues and VLM has further developed the partnership with Misean Cara through the Vincentian Fathers, securing funding for a needs assessment to take place across projects in Kenya and project cycle management training in Ethiopia. The schools immersion programme was re-established in 2023 with a partner project in Kenya. In 2024, this will involve two schools volunteering in two different schools run by the Vincentian Fathers, opening up this programme for further expansion.

VLM's fundraising activities have been able to take place in person offering increased capacity for fundraising going forwards. A partnership has been established with Realbuzz Running, which gives VLM access to charity marathon places in Dublin and globally.

VLM have begun work updating their constitution and this was completed in February 2024.

Financial Review

The results are set out in pages 12 to 21. The surplus for the year of €32,465 (2022 - €24,569) is carried forward increasing reserves to €694,890 (2022 - €662,425).

The Board approves annual budgets and regularly reviews financial performance to ensure the financial stewardship of the charity's activities.

The company does not have a stated policy in relation to holding a defined amount of reserves but plan to approve a policy in 2024. The ongoing fixed support and governance costs are monitored by the board and maintained at a predictable level, which is covered by income. Most of the restricted funds are reserved for large scale capital investment projects.

Financial Results

At the end of the financial year the company had gross assets of €722,605 (2022 - €692,601) and gross liabilities of €28,447 (2022 - €30,176). The net assets of the company have increased by €31,733.

Post-Balance Sheet Events

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the year-end.

Directors and Secretary

The directors who served throughout the financial year, except as noted, were as follows:

Richard Brophy (Resigned 7 March 2023)
Dymphna Cullen
Rory Dodd (Resigned 5 October 2023)
Ian Garrigan (Resigned 4 March 2024)
Geraldine Henry DC
Susan Looby (Appointed 4 March 2024)
Mary Patricia Looney (Appointed 4 March 2024)
Rose McGowan (Resigned 7 March 2023)
Stephen Monaghan CM
Miriam O'Regan
Aidan Whyte
Ricardo Zaidan (Appointed 4 March 2024)

The secretary who served throughout the financial year was Stephen Monaghan CM.

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Compliance with Sector-Wide Legislation and Standards

The company engages pro-actively with legislation, standards and codes which are developed for the sector. Vincentian Lay Missionaries subscribes to and is compliant with the following:

- The Companies Act 2014
- The Charities SORP (FRS 102)

The Auditors

The auditors, BFCD, (Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm) have indicated their willingness to continue in office in accordance with the provisions of section 383(2) of the Companies Act 2014.

Statement on Relevant Audit Information

In accordance with section 330 of the Companies Act 2014, so far as each of the persons who are directors at the time this report is approved are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the statutory auditors are unaware. The directors have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and they have established that the statutory auditors are aware of that information.

Accounting Records

To ensure that adequate accounting records are kept in accordance with Sections 281 to 285 of the Companies Act 2014, the directors have employed appropriately qualified accounting personnel and have maintained appropriate computerised accounting systems. The accounting records are located at the company's office at St Peter's Church, Phibsborough, Dublin 7.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 9 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Susan Looby
Director

Stephen Monaghan CM
Director

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DIRECTORS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

The directors are responsible for preparing the Directors' Annual Report and Financial Statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2014 and applicable regulations.

Irish company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under the law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the Companies Act 2014 and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" issued by the Financial Reporting Council. Under company law, the directors must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the company as at the financial year end date and of the net income or expenditure of the company for the financial year and otherwise comply with the Companies Act 2014.

In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether the financial statements have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards, identify those standards, and note the effect and the reasons for any material departure from those standards; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in operation.

The directors confirm that they have complied with the above requirements in preparing the financial statements.

The directors are responsible for ensuring that the company keeps or causes to be kept adequate accounting records which correctly explain and record the transactions of the company, enable at any time the assets, liabilities, financial position and net income or expenditure of the company to be determined with reasonable accuracy, enable them to ensure that the financial statements and the Directors' Annual Report comply with Companies Act 2014 and enable the financial statements to be audited. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in the Republic of Ireland governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 9 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Susan Looby
Director

Stephen Monaghan CM
Director

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of Vincentian Lay Missionaries

Report on the audit of the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the company financial statements of Vincentian Lay Missionaries ('the Charity') for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Summary Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the notes to the financial statements, including the summary of significant accounting policies set out in note 2. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is Irish law and FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Company as at 31 December 2023 and of its surplus for the financial year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland"; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2014.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (Ireland) (ISAs (Ireland)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described below in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report.

We are independent of the company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of financial statements in Ireland, including the Ethical Standard for Auditors (Ireland) issued by the Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority (IAASA), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from the date when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the directors with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other Information

The directors are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our Auditor's Report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether there is a material misstatement in the financial statements or a material misstatement of the other information. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2014

Based solely on the work undertaken in the course of the audit, we report that:

- in our opinion, the information given in the Directors' Annual Report is consistent with the financial statements;
- in our opinion, the Directors' Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2014; and
- the accounting records of the company were sufficient to permit the financial statements to be readily and properly audited and the financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records.

We have obtained all the information and explanations which, to the best of our knowledge and belief, are necessary for the purposes of our audit.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

to the Members of Vincentian Lay Missionaries

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

Based on the knowledge and understanding of the company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified any material misstatements in the Directors' Annual Report. The Companies Act 2014 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion, the disclosures of directors' remuneration and transactions required by sections 305 to 312 of the Act are not complied with by the company. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Respective responsibilities

Responsibilities of directors for the financial statements

As explained more fully in the Directors' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 8, the directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework that give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the directors are responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless they either intend to liquidate the company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditor's Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (Ireland) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is provided in the appendix to this report, located at page 11, which is to be read as an integral part of our report.

The purpose of our audit work and to whom we owe our responsibilities

Our report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with Section 391 of the Companies Act 2014. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Dara Ó Gaora
for and on behalf of
BFGD

Chartered Accountants and Statutory Audit Firm
1 Castlewood Avenue
Rathmines
Dublin 6

15 October 2024

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APPENDIX TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Further information regarding the scope of our responsibilities as auditor

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (Ireland), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by directors.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our Auditor's Report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our Auditor's Report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds 2023 €	Restricted Funds 2023 €	Total Funds 2023 €	Unrestricted Funds 2022 €	Restricted Funds 2022 €	Total Funds 2022 €
Incoming Resources							
Voluntary Income	4.1	47,961	-	47,961	65,204	-	65,204
Charitable activities							
Volunteer programmes and projects	4.2	24,930	156,080	181,010	12,040	110,271	122,311
Activities for generating funds	4.3	63,429	-	63,429	7,060	-	7,060
Investments	4.4	225	-	225	-	-	-
Total incoming resources		136,545	156,080	292,625	84,304	110,271	194,575
Resources Expended							
Charitable activities	5.1	113,284	147,608	260,892	69,305	100,701	170,006
Net incoming resources before transfers		23,261	8,472	31,733	14,999	9,570	24,569
Gross transfers between funds		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds for the financial year		23,261	8,472	31,733	14,999	9,570	24,569
Reconciliation of funds:							
Total funds beginning of the year	14	205,261	457,164	662,425	190,262	447,594	637,856
Total funds at the end of the year		228,522	465,636	694,158	205,261	457,164	662,425

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the financial year. All income and expenditure relate to continuing activities.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 9 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Susan Looby
Director

Stephen Monaghan CM
Director

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SUMMARY INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

	Statement of Financial Activities	2023	2022
		€	€
Gross income	Unrestricted funds	136,545	
	Restricted funds	156,080	
		<u>292,625</u>	<u>194,575</u>
Total income		292,625	194,575
Total expenditure		(260,892)	(170,006)
Net income/(expenditure)		<u>31,733</u>	<u>24,569</u>

The company has no recognised gains or losses other than the surplus for the financial year. The results for the financial year have been calculated on the historical cost basis.

Approved by the Board of Directors on 9 October 2024 and signed on its behalf by:

Susan Looby
Director

Stephen Monaghan CM
Director

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BALANCE SHEET

as at 31 December 2023

		2023	2022
	Notes	€	€
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	9	218	328
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Current Assets			
Debtors	10	16,136	12,921
Cash at bank and in hand	11	706,251	679,352
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		722,387	692,273
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Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	12	(28,447)	(30,176)
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Net Current Assets		693,940	662,097
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		694,158	662,425
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Funds			
Restricted funds		465,636	457,164
General fund (unrestricted)		228,522	205,261
		<hr/>	<hr/>
Total funds	14	694,158	662,425
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Susan Looby
Director

Stephen Monaghan CM
Director

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

	Notes	2023 €	2022 €
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net movement in funds		31,733	24,569
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation		110	110
Interest receivable and similar income		(225)	-
		<u>31,618</u>	<u>24,679</u>
Movements in working capital:			
Movement in debtors		(3,215)	5,544
Movement in creditors		(1,729)	3,036
		<u>26,674</u>	<u>33,259</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Interest received		225	-
		<u>26,899</u>	<u>33,259</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents		679,352	646,093
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<u>679,352</u>	<u>646,093</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	11	<u><u>706,251</u></u>	<u><u>679,352</u></u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the financial year ended 31 December 2023

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Vincentian Lay Missionaries is a private company limited by guarantee incorporated in Ireland. The registered number of the company is 426535. The registered office of the company is St Peter's Church, Phibsborough, Dublin 7 which is also the principal place of business of the company. The financial statements have been presented in Euro (€) which is also the functional currency of the company. The company is a registered charity, Registered Charity Number CHY 17070.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charity's financial statements.

Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP in accordance with FRS 102, effective 1 January 2019) and with generally accepted accounting principles in Ireland and Irish statute comprising the Companies Act 2014. They comply with the financial reporting standards of the Financial Reporting Council. The following accounting policies have been applied consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the charitable company's financial statements.

Statement of compliance

The financial statements of the company for the financial year ended 31 December 2023 have been prepared on the going concern basis and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) "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".

Fund accounting

The following are the categories of funds maintained:

Restricted funds

Restricted Funds represent grants, donations and sponsorships received, which can only be used for particular purposes specified by the donors or sponsorship programmes on the basis that such purposes are within the overall aims of the charity. All other funds received are considered unrestricted funds available for general use as deemed appropriate by the board.

Incoming Resources

Voluntary income or capital is included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the company is legally entitled to it, its financial value can be quantified with reasonable certainty and there is reasonable certainty of its ultimate receipt. Entitlement to legacies is considered established when the company has been notified of a distribution to be made by the executors. Income received in advance of due performance under a contract is accounted for as deferred income (and recognised in creditors) until earned. Grants for activities are recognised as income when the related conditions for legal entitlement have been met. All other income is accounted for on an accruals basis with income due but not received at year end from activities completed in the year, recognised as accrued income. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included in these accounts.

Resources Expended

All resources expended are accounted for on an accruals basis. Charitable activities include costs of services and grants, support costs and depreciation on related assets. Costs of raising funds similarly include fundraising activities. Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Governance costs are those associated with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Allocation of support and governance costs

Support costs are those functions that assist the work of the charity but do not directly undertake charitable activities. Support costs include back office costs, finance, personnel, payroll and governance costs which support the charity's activities. These costs have been allocated or apportioned pro-rata to the staffing of the relevant activity.

Deferred income

Deferred income relates to income received in the form of donations relating to activities to be undertaken in subsequent accounting periods.

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Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are stated at cost or at valuation, less accumulated depreciation. The charge to depreciation is calculated to write off the original cost or valuation of tangible fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives. The estimated useful life of the fixtures and fittings is 5 years.

Debtors

Debtors are recognised at the settlement amount due after any discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due. Income recognised by the company from government agencies and other co-funders, but not yet received at year end, is included in debtors as accrued income.

Creditors

Creditors are recognised where the company has a present obligation resulting from a past event that will probably result in the transfer of funds to a third party and the amount due to settle the obligation can be measured or estimated reliably. Creditors and provisions are normally recognised at their settlement amount after allowing for any trade discounts due.

Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand comprises cash on deposit at banks requiring less than three months notice of withdrawal.

Taxation and deferred taxation

No current or deferred taxation arises as the company has been granted charitable exemption. Irrecoverable valued added tax is expensed as incurred.

No charge to current or deferred taxation arises as the charity has been granted charitable status by the Revenue under Section 207 and 208 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997, Charity No CHY 17070. The charity is eligible under the "Scheme of Tax Relief for Donations to Eligible Charities and Approved Bodies under Section 848A Taxes Consolidation Act, 1997" therefore income tax refunds arising from sponsorships exceeding €250 per annum are included as donations in unrestricted funds.

Foreign currencies

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the balance sheet date. Transactions, during the year, which are denominated in foreign currencies are translated at the rates of exchange ruling at the date of the transaction. The resulting exchange differences are dealt with in the Statement of Financial Activities.

3. CRITICAL ACCOUNTING JUDGEMENT AND ESTIMATES

Preparation of the financial statements requires management to make significant judgements and estimates. The directors are of the view that there are no items in the financial statements where significant judgments and estimates have been made.

4. INCOME

4.1 DONATIONS AND LEGACIES	Unrestricted Funds €	Restricted Funds €	2023 €	2022 €
Donations	30,435	-	30,435	47,678
Grants Received	17,526	-	17,526	17,526
	<u>47,961</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,961</u>	<u>65,204</u>
4.2 CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES	Unrestricted Funds €	Restricted Funds €	2023 €	2022 €
Grants from governments and other co-funders:				
Volunteer Programme	24,930	-	24,930	12,040
Projects	-	156,080	156,080	110,271
	<u>24,930</u>	<u>156,080</u>	<u>181,010</u>	<u>122,311</u>

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8. EMPLOYEES AND REMUNERATION

Number of employees

The average number of persons employed (including executive directors) during the financial year was as follows:

	2023 Number	2022 Number
Administration	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

The staff costs comprise:

	2023 €	2022 €
Wages and salaries	<u>44,731</u>	<u>42,199</u>

9. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	€
Cost	
At 31 December 2023	<u>6,196</u>
Depreciation	
At 1 January 2023	5,868
Charge for the financial year	110
At 31 December 2023	<u>5,978</u>
Net book value	
At 31 December 2023	<u>218</u>
At 31 December 2022	<u>328</u>

	2023 €	2022 €
10. DEBTORS		

Accrued Income	<u>16,136</u>	<u>12,921</u>
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	2023 €	2022 €
11. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		

Cash and bank balances	<u>706,251</u>	<u>679,352</u>
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Included within cash and cash equivalents is an amount of €465,636 (2022: €457,164) relating to restricted income.

	2023 €	2022 €
12. CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year		

Taxation and social security costs	1,947	2,789
Accruals	6,500	7,387
Deferred Income	20,000	20,000
	<u>28,447</u>	<u>30,176</u>

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13. RESERVES

	2023 €	2022 €
At the beginning of the year	662,425	637,856
Surplus for the financial year	31,733	24,569
At the end of the year	<u>694,158</u>	<u>662,425</u>

14. FUNDS

14.1 RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds €	Restricted Funds €	Total Funds €
At 1 January 2022	190,262	447,594	637,856
Movement during the financial year	14,999	9,570	24,569
At 31 December 2022	205,261	457,164	662,425
Movement during the financial year	23,261	8,472	31,733
At 31 December 2023	<u>228,522</u>	<u>465,636</u>	<u>694,158</u>

14.2 ANALYSIS OF MOVEMENTS ON FUNDS

	Balance 1 January 2023 €	Income €	Expenditure €	Transfers between funds €	Balance 31 December 2023 €
Restricted funds					
Restricted Fund	457,164	156,080	147,608	-	465,636
Unrestricted funds					
Unrestricted General	205,261	136,545	113,284	-	228,522
Total funds	<u>662,425</u>	<u>292,625</u>	<u>260,892</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>694,158</u>

14.3 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND

	Fixed assets - charity use €	Current assets €	Current liabilities €	Total €
Restricted funds	-	465,636	-	465,636
Unrestricted general funds	218	256,751	(28,447)	228,522
	<u>218</u>	<u>722,387</u>	<u>(28,447)</u>	<u>694,158</u>

15. STATUS

The company is limited by guarantee not having a share capital.

The liability of the members is limited. Every member of the charity undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company in the event of its being wound up while they are members, or within one year thereafter, for the payment of the debts and liabilities of the company contracted before they ceased to be members, and the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the adjustment of the rights of the contributors among themselves, such amount as may be required, not exceeding € 1.

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16. CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The company had no capital commitments at 31 December 2023 (2022:nil).

17. DIRECTORS' REMUNERATION

None of the directors received remuneration or other benefits from the organisation in the financial year (2022: €nil).

No individual employee received benefits in excess of £60,000. The costs above in note 8 represent the total remuneration paid to key management personnel.

18. POST-BALANCE SHEET EVENTS

There have been no significant events affecting the Charity since the year-end.

19. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The company has chosen to apply the provisions of Section 11 of FRS 102 to account for all of its financial instruments.

	2023 €	2022 €
Financial assets at amortised cost		
Other debtors and accrued income	<u>16,136</u>	<u>12,921</u>
Financial liabilities at amortised cost		
Trade creditors and accruals	<u>6,500</u>	<u>7,387</u>

20. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no transactions with directors or other related parties in the financial year (2022: €Nil).

21. APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Directors on 09 October 2024.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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NOT COVERED BY THE REPORT OF THE AUDITORS

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Operating Statement

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	2023 €	2022 €
Income	292,400	194,575
Expenses		
Wages and salaries	44,731	42,199
Rent payable	5,640	5,730
Dues and subscriptions	1,040	640
Insurance	2,325	2,400
Office supplies	1,077	783
Advertising	171	-
Telephone	882	604
Audit and accountancy	6,399	2,437
Bank charges	903	571
Fundraising expenses	293	975
Volunteer Expenses	49,713	12,856
Depreciation	110	110
Charitable donations	147,608	100,701
	<u>260,892</u>	<u>170,006</u>
Miscellaneous income		
Bank interest	225	-
Net surplus	<u>31,733</u>	<u>24,569</u>