



# Application for registration

<b>CHARITY COMMISSION USE ONLY:</b>	Organisation number	Case number
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Some of the information you give in this form will become publicly available on the Register of Charities in accordance with s.3 of the Charities Act 1993 as amended by the Charities Act 2006 - we have marked those fields with the symbol **P**.

Please see the separate **Guidance Notes** for help on all parts of the form, marked with the symbol **i**.

## **A** About the organisation seeking registration

### **A1** What is your organisation's name? **P** **i**

Main name

  
  
  

Working name/acronym

### **A2** Contact for the purpose of this application **i**

Full name

  

Address

  
  
  
  
 Postcode   

Email address

  

Telephone number

  

Alternative telephone number

### **A3** Assessing eligibility for registration **i**

Please confirm your organisation is required to register for all of the following reasons:

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| (a) it has a gross annual income of more than £5000 a year        | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (b) it is not exempt or excepted from the requirement to register | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (c) it is governed by the laws of England and Wales               | Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

**A3 Assessing eligibility for registration****i**

If you cannot confirm (a)-(c), please explain why in the box below.


**A4 Operating in Scotland?****i**

(a) Is your organisation registered or will it be registering with the Office of the Scottish Charities Regulator (OSCR) as well? Yes  No

(b) If 'Yes' and already registered with OSCR, what is your OSCR registered number? 

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(c) Have you ever had an application rejected by the OSCR? Yes  No

If 'Yes', please explain why in the box below.


**A5 Finance and funding****i**

(a) If your organisation has existed for more than a year **and** you have published accounts, please provide the gross income as recorded in the accounts 

£	474255.14
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(b) Otherwise please enter:

(i) the estimated gross income in the first year of operation 

£	_____
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(ii) the amount currently received 

£	_____
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(c) Financial year end date 

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(d) How has your organisation raised its funds and/or how does it intend to do so in future?

Funds raised from disposals of closed/redundant church buildings or other assets.
Residual general funds of closed churches

(e) Do you intend to use professional fundraising consultants? Yes  No

**A6 Special circumstances****i**

Are there any special circumstances concerning your application that you wish to bring to our attention? (Please see the accompanying notes for the kind of information we would like to know.)


## B1 Governing document

Please indicate which type of governing document your organisation has by ticking ONE of the following boxes.

Constitution	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trust deed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Will	<input type="checkbox"/>	Act of Parliament	<input type="checkbox"/>
Memorandum and articles	<input type="checkbox"/>	Registered company number	<input type="text"/>
Other - please specify below	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Scheme of the Charity Commissioners dated 17th December 1998

Date governing document became effective

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## B2 Complete ONLY if you have set up a company to replace an existing charity

(a) What is the registered charity number of the existing charity?

(b) Is the wording of the objects clause exactly the same as the existing charity?

Yes  No

If 'No', please explain why you have made the change.

  
  
  
  
  


## B3 Approved governing document

Have you adopted an *approved governing document*?

Yes  No

(a) If 'Yes', what is the name of the body that issued the approved governing document?

(b) Do you have permission to use this?

Yes  No

(c) Are you using exactly the same wording as the approved governing document (other than filling any blanks or choosing between optional paragraphs)?

Yes  No

(d) If you have made any changes to the wording of the approved governing document, please highlight these on the copy of your governing document that you send to us and explain why you have made the changes in the box below.

## C Assessing the organisation's public benefit



The wording of the objects clause is one of the main cornerstones of our assessment of whether the organisation is charitable. Please read the guidance notes on this subject very carefully.

Object 1 - Please enter in the box below the first (or only) object exactly as it appears in your governing document **P**

General purpose trust. Funds to be applied in furthering and advancing the Christian religion and propagate the Gospel in accordance with the doctrines principles and usages of the United Reformed Church with particular responsibilities for Thames North Province of that Church.

Ways of carrying out Object 1. Include here details about how your organisation's aims, as expressed in this object, are, or will be carried out for the public benefit.

- (1) Supporting and enhancing the charitable work of local churches within the Thames North Province by providing information advice and support to individuals and organisations.
- (2) By providing grants or loans to local churches for the upkeep repair and improvement of church buildings and manses.
- (3) Purchase or assisting the purchase of property in support of synod and/or local church activities.
- (4) Supporting and enhancing the charitable work of the wider United Reformed Church by providing grants.

Most religious activities and facilities are open to the public although some work is aimed more at those with Christian faith. Society as a whole benefits from the practical work of the churches. There is no perceived harm or detriment to the public arising from the carrying out by the organisation of its aims.

**E Private benefit****E1 Conflict of interests policy**

Do the trustees have a conflict of interest policy in place?

Yes  No

**E2 Connected persons**

Does any connected person (this could include an organisation or company) receive a benefit that has a financial value from the organisation?

Yes  No

**E3 Private benefit details**

Please complete this section for each person or organisation receiving a private benefit.

(a) Name of connected person

Mrs Fredwyn Hosier

(b) Relationship between the connected person and the organisation

Spouse of Trustee (Synod Treasurer)

(c) Please describe the benefit and its estimated financial value in each year. *If the benefit relates to the use of privately owned land and/or buildings, eg a trustee's home, you should explain how ongoing costs, eg mortgage payments, insurance and maintenance costs will be divided up between the organisation and the individual.*

Salaried appointment (one of three) as pastoral consultant. Vacancies are advertised.

Appointments are part time, open ended. Estimated value circa. £            per annum

Synod staff are paid at rates which reflect individual competencies that have been objectively assessed against established criteria that are common to all synod employees.

(d) How will the award of the benefit contribute to the organisation achieving its purpose(s)?

The role of the pastoral consultants is to support the pastoral care and development of churches, ministers, and Church Related Community Workers. Mrs Hosier plays her part in the work.

(e) How will the other trustees manage the conflict of interest that arises from the private benefit?

Mrs Hosier was appointed in February 2007. Her husband, a retired accountant, became Synod Treasurer in March 2009; a voluntary position, and the person appointed is ex officio a member of the Synod Executive and is therefore a trustee. The pastoral consultants provide a service to the churches and ministers within the Province but do not deal with their own churches.

The only potential conflict of interest arises in performance reviews and remuneration reviews and (with a part time post) any proposal to increase hours worked. Normal conflict-of-interest practice should apply and the Treasurer should not take part in the decision-making.

Select at least one category in each of the three sections to describe what the organisation will do. Please read the notes carefully before completing this.

(a) What does your organisation do?

General purposes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Education/training	<input type="checkbox"/>
Medical/health/sickness	<input type="checkbox"/>	Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>
Relief of poverty	<input type="checkbox"/>	Overseas aid/famine relief	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accommodation/housing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religious activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Arts/culture	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sport/recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Animals	<input type="checkbox"/>	Environment/conservation/heritage	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic/community/development/employment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other or none of these	<input type="checkbox"/>

(b) Who does your organisation help?

Children/young people	<input type="checkbox"/>	Elderly/old people	<input type="checkbox"/>
People with disabilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	People of a particular ethnic or racial origin	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other charities/voluntary bodies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other defined groups	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The general public/mankind	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

(c) How does your organisation operate?

Makes grants to individuals	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Makes grants to organisations	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Provides other finance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Provides human resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Provides buildings/facilities/open space	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Provides services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Provides advocacy/advice/information	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sponsors or undertakes research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acts as an umbrella or resource body	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other or none of these	<input type="checkbox"/>

(a) If your organisation operates in more than ten local authority areas in England or Wales, select one of the options below. Otherwise complete part (b).

Organisation operates:

throughout London (more than ten London boroughs)	<input type="checkbox"/>
throughout England (more than ten local authority areas)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
throughout Wales (more than ten local authority areas)	<input type="checkbox"/>
throughout England and Wales (more than ten local authority areas)	<input type="checkbox"/>