

REVIEW 2013



Representing Christians
who provide quality
counselling and
pastoral care



From the Executive Chairperson – Rev Anthony Ruddle

This last year was full of change, exciting opportunities and challenges.

Our Annual Conference was its usual success, though numbers were slightly less than previous events. Discerning the reasons is not easy but the recession plus the introduction of the Summer

School in 2012 may have contributed to the reduction.

Greta Randle our CEO took retirement and then for a while continued to assist ACC's application preparation to hold a register under the auspices of the Regulator, The Professional Standards Authority. This occurred while our new Director of Counselling Dr Amanda Georgiou settled in. We are extremely fortunate to get Amanda with such experience and qualifications in counselling and Public Health. In September Amanda took this major piece of work forward and with support

from others achieved the submission of the application in early December.

In addition to this, Amanda sought to meet as many counselling members in the Regions as feasible. She continued developing the Training Development Group and the highly valuable team in the Accreditation Committee with support from Dawn Sherry. We wish to record our gratitude to Ann Chadwick who served this Committee for 20 years and put in invaluable service in the advancement of standards among Christian counsellors.

Summary of ACC Finances for 2013

ANALYSIS OF REVENUE & EXPENSES 2013

REVENUE

Membership Subscriptions	104,143
Accreditation Fees	1,393
Government Grants- Course funding	4,855
Sale of Training Materials	8,999
National & Regional Conferences & Events	
	95,957
Affiliation & Training Fees	27,359
Advertising Sales	5,756
Disclosure Reports fees	5,134
Donations & Gifts	3,096
Bank Interest received	1,307
TOTAL INCOME	257,999

EXPENSES

Staff Costs & Fees	118,338
Travel & Meeting Expense	16,489
Funding Paid to Training Agencies	7,449
Conference & Regional Costs	73,366
PCUK Training Materials & Courses	6,462
Premises and Communication Costs	11,086
Printing, Postage & Stationery	22,421
Professional fees & insurance	6,590
Office Equipment & General Expenses	5,941
Promotion/ Fundraising	2,179
AVR Expenses	13,984
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	284,306
Loss for the year	-26,307

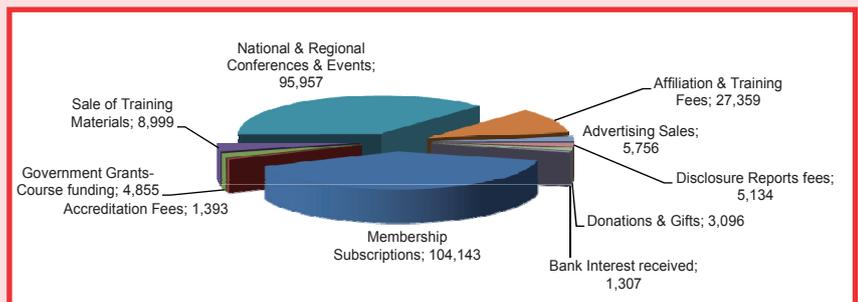
THE ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN COUNSELLORS STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended 31 December 2013

	General Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2013 £	Total 2012 £
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Incoming Resources from				
Generated Funds				
Voluntary income	2,096	233	2,329	13,702
Investment Income	1,307	0	1,307	1,599
Incoming Resources from				
Charitable Activities	254,596		254,596	235,276
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	257,999	233	258,231	250,577
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable Activities	234,462	7,388	241,850	241,304
Governance Costs	49,844	0	49,844	40,271
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	284,306	7,388	291,694	281,575
Net Outgoing Resources	-26,307	-7,156	-33,462	-30,999
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS				
Total Funds brought forward	104,200	13,486	117,687	148,686
Net Outgoing Resources	-26,307	-7,156	-33,462	-30,999
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED				
FORWARD	77,893	6,331	84,224	117,687

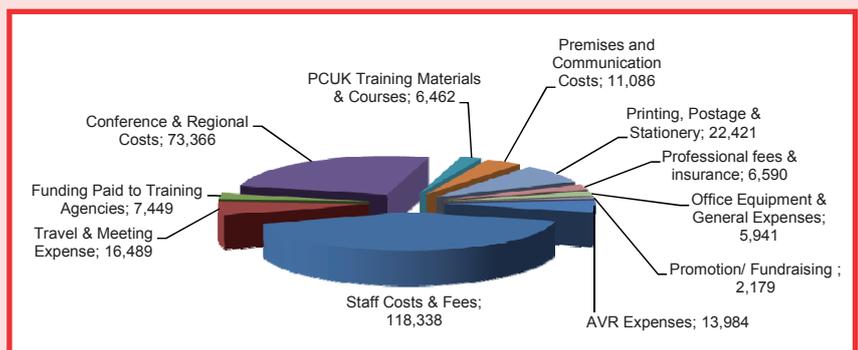
THE ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN COUNSELLORS BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 December 2013

	2013 Funds £	Prior Year Funds £
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Assets	426	533
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	426	533
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	20,789	21,451
Cash at Bank and in Hand	109,798	204,913
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	130,586	226,364
LIABILITIES		
Creditors - Amounts falling due within one year	46,789	109,210
NET CURRENT ASSETS	83,798	117,153
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	84,224	117,686
THE FUNDS OF THE CHARITY		
Unrestricted - General fund	77,893	104,200
Restricted funds	6,331	13,486
TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	84,224	117,686

ACC Analysis of Revenue 2013 Total Revenue £257,999



ACC Analysis of Expenditure 2013 Total Revenue £284,306



Finance

Like many other organisations ACC has found that its income over the last few years has been affected by the financial pressures being faced by members (both individuals and organisations).

General Fund

The accounts show that the General Fund had a deficit of £26,307 in 2013 compared to a deficit of £36,609 in 2012. The improvement was mainly due to:

A profit being made on the annual conference of £23,172.

A reduction in staff costs of £11,923.

Additional costs of £13,984 have, however, been incurred by applying to hold a voluntary register.

A processing fee of £11,000 has been paid to the Professional Standards Authority .

Income

Income (excluding the National Conference) decreased by £29,856.

The reduced income is mainly due to:

A fall in subscription and affiliation fees of £14,932 due to a reduced level of membership.

A reduced level of Government Funding for courses (at £6,130). There will be no further funding.

A fall in accreditation fees of £6,220. This is due to a change in the re-accreditation process, which meant that re-accreditation fees were not paid in 2013, but will be paid in full in 2014.

Considerable achievements

Whilst ACC has not yet managed to achieve a break-even position, considerable achievements have been made in reducing the deficit by nearly 30% in 2013. There are also several ways in which income in 2014 will be increased:

The establishment of a government voluntary register it is hoped will encourage counsellors to seek membership of both the register and ACC

The establishment of Pastoral Care UK Regional Training Scheme and the development of PCUK resources will generate new sources of revenue

The organisational changes that were made in 2013 will produce full year cost savings in 2014.

A full copy of ACC Financial Statement for 2013 can be found on the ACC website www.acc-uk.org

Public benefit

ACC individual members work in many settings both in counselling and pastoral care. These include: GP surgeries, churches, counselling centres, hospitals and schools. Through our affiliated organisations the following services are provided:

Counselling services, often working with health service organisations, local authorities as well as individuals directly seeking help,

Pastoral care

Training to equip pastoral carers and counsellors to provide these services.

Professional standards

ACC believes that in seeking to hold a Professional Standards Voluntary Register for counsellors it is enhancing public safety in the provision of counselling by its members.

ACC, through the development of Pastoral Care UK Regional Training Scheme, is seeking to equip churches and organisations to provide quality pastoral care to the wider community.

We live in a broken world in which Christian counsellors and pastoral carers seek to bring healing and restoration. Many work in a voluntary capacity and make personal sacrifices to engage in this valuable work.

From the Executive Chairperson – Rev Anthony Ruddlecontinued from front cover

One important change in 2013 was to the process of re-accreditation. While counsellors continue to keep logs the emphasis is now more on Continuing Professional Development. Individual reflection on what we do and learn creates improvement in our skills and the counselling process, which is for our benefit but essentially for the clients.

Head Office changes

The changes at Head Office included the retirement of Ian Macnair, the welcome of Eileen Askew with considerable experience in managing membership matters, and Phil Weare as our Accord Editor and lead in Communications. Ruth Nelson as Director of Operations took on the overseeing of these changes and we acknowledge her part in such good appointments and managing the increased pace of what we seek to achieve.

During 2013 the formal launch of Pastoral Care UK took place under the energetic and wise guidance of Teresa Onions. This has resulted in growth in specific training for Regional Trainers; distinctive connections with other organisations; and denominational groups finding in the reedited Pastoral Care Foundation Course, coupled with the inspiring support of the ACC team, what they looked for to advance their ability in this area of service. Teresa has worked tirelessly with others to produce new material with a distinctive look that will continue to be an asset to the Christian community and beyond.



In 2013 Helga Taylor stood down from the Board for family reasons. ACC recognised her contribution to the development and advancement of counselling and specifically through the ministry she co-founded at United Churches Healing Ministry which is highly respected having a reach far beyond its base in Huddersfield. We welcomed to the Board Chris Williams and Peter Barraclough and look forward to filling the vacancy at the AGM in 2014.

Individual contributions

As I bring this report to a close I want to add my thanks to a number of individuals who have given to ACC this year above and beyond the call of duty or their contracts. Without this dedication we could not have achieved what we have. We need to acknowledge that in this size of organisation such expansion is only possible due to this diligence, willingness and personal sacrifice while recognising such intensity cannot be sustained by the few and needs to be spread out to the many.

If you are reading this report and you could give time to ACC, financial input to make projects possible, or aid as voluntary support staff to make that spread possible do not hesitate to contact me at chair@acc-uk.org. We know it is a privilege to live serving Jesus Christ by helping others to healthier lives.