

Charity Commission

South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

**Report and Financial Statements
Year ended 31 December 2022**

Registered Charity No. (England and Wales): 1045587

South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

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Trustees

Pastor Emmanuel Osei	(Chairman)
Pastor Douglas W McCormac	(Executive Secretary)
Mrs Candy Layson	(Treasurer) - resigned
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Mrs. Abigail Wright	
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Mr Kwasi Dankwa	
Mr Wayne Erasmus	
Ms Julita Francois	
Ms Natalie Henry	
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Pastor Michael Salmon	
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Ms Abigail Wright- Stephenson	
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Pastor Hezron Adingo	
Mr. Grist Wilbur Mutambara	
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Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity and List of Advisors

Charity number	1045587
Registered office	25 St John's Road Watford Hertfordshire WD17 1PZ
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Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 December 2022

The Trustees of South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists ('SEC') present this report for the year ended 31st December 2022 together with the consolidated charity accounts, which have been audited by Moore Kingston Smith LLP.

This Trustees' Report is not only to fulfil the legal and statutory requirements, but it is intended to explain the activities and future plans of this charity.

The Church Growth and Advent Mission Department 2022

The Department continues to be a resourcing and equipping agent. While the more immediate COVID challenges experienced in 2020 and 2021 have passed and most communities have returned to much of their former activities and levels of community engagement, there have been changes both in ability to provide community-based events and interactions (due to staffing challenges) and a reticence in some communities and demographics to interact in crowded communal spaces. Adaptation to new circumstances continues to mean (in many instances) hybrid arrangements where digital platforms and more traditional in-person ways of gathering coexist. The regular regime of teaching, preaching, seminar and training weekends resumed, although it has been noted that "less is more" in terms of the number of physical events.

Through the Church Plants and Groups associated with this Department we have:

- Offered physical and online spaces for community to gather for interaction, worship, and community-building. Worship continues in various hybrid (online and in-person) forms to accommodate shifts in the dynamics of the worshipping communities.
- Regular public worship continues to be open to all – and there is an increased cognisance of the need for diversity and inclusion awareness. Several informal online gatherings continue as they have formed meaningful connections among individuals who may not share the same geographic location. For these groups, physical in-person gathering is unlikely even when there are no longer any restrictions to consider. Such gatherings may form the basis for new "online" or "digital" worshipping communities, leading the way towards future models for the Church, though this is not an administrative model currently actively supported.
- Religious assemblies in schools have resumed in several instances.
- Various Christian ethos clubs have resumed their normal operations from local church buildings. In this way teens, youth, senior citizens, parents and toddlers, single mums, continue to have a measure of support in these difficult times. Additionally, the number of congregations also offering food and lifestyle support has increased in the preceding 12 months.

Through the support offered by this department, local congregations continue to promote the physical, mental, and spiritual well-being of their local communities as a demonstration of our faith and mission.

Community Ministries

This year crisis and relief was our main aim. We supported the British Union Conference (BUC) in their Ukraine refugee task force with their integrative strategy. Our department contributed to this through our logic model theory. Furthermore, we worked with Wimbledon International church and partners to support around 15 families coming to the UK and helping hosts to apply for support through the Ukraine government portal.

On the back of the SEC health feast, we supported Dunstable creative church with a local version; there were over 3000 people at the event, which raised the church's profile and created partnerships for the future with other organisations.

Also, we reopened in 2022 under newly updated government operating principles as a day service. Where we peaked at around 50 service users per day, we had 150 volunteers sign up for approximately 260 shifts which amounted to over 5,000 hours of volunteering. The response from our service users was positive overall. They appreciated our volunteers' warmth and hospitality. We had food, games, and movies, and we want to thank all who came out and made it a success. The impact of this support meant we could provide superior service because we were open longer and later than other provisions nearby.

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Finally, one exciting venture we are exploring realises an Adventist Care home. In the past, it has been a desire to serve the community in this way. Yet, restrictions and limitations have meant this was not possible. Having surveyed the situation and spoken with some of the community ministry leaders, it was clear that purchasing a home was becoming more challenging. So, with creative thinking, we reframed the problem. If we cannot get it now, could we start on a journey that would allow us to realise our dreams sooner rather than later? We could. We are exploring starting respite care and running it sustainably, hoping to generate the funds needed to become a full-time care home. We are doing our due diligence and speaking with our lawyers as we look for a suitable property.

Cornerstone Counselling Service

Throughout 2022, Cornerstone Counselling Service continued to provide services for all, regardless of denomination, race, and gender throughout the South of England. Equipping families, couples, individuals, children, and young people with coping skills to handle mental health challenges.

As the need for counselling increased, Cornerstone also increased their team of counsellors to 23 qualified volunteer counsellors, who provided professional counselling and over 60 workshops and presentations in various churches in person and via zoom.

Individuals needing emotional support and a listening ear continue to call the listening line for comfort and prayers and talking about their challenges. This listening line operates 7 days a week from 8:00 am to midnight. We currently have 32 active listeners who speak a variety of languages. We also have 30 trained youth listeners, dedicated to work with the youth. Various issues such as relationships, anxiety, immigration, trauma, and domestic abuse are brought to the listening line. Clients from the listening line who require counselling are referred internally to qualified counsellors.

Cornerstone continues to support local communities through support groups in specialist areas, such as grief, bereavement & loss, and trauma.

Some highlights for 2022 were week-long programmes on children's mental health, stewardship of mental health and a weekend retreat on well-being which was attended by some of our clients who are not Seventh Day Adventists.

Cornerstone also applied and received funding from Benefact Trust to run a Mental Health Project supporting Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) in Westminster. The project "Healthy Minds for BAME Women and families" aims to support the BAME community to access mental health services before reaching crisis point. Cornerstone will run a smaller multi – sector model embedded into its services to meet these needs by identifying volunteer social workers, psychologist, legal advisors to support its services.

Workshops and activities like financial stress, budgeting, healthy eating and cooking classes, resilience to cope with discrimination and racism, English classes, nurturing relationships to improve family life, recovery groups for anxiety and depression, individual and group counselling, workshops on lifestyle diseases, coping with trauma and how to access help when needed, will be run on weekly, fortnightly, and monthly bases to support this project.

This project will run in collaboration with health ministries, family life ministries, community services, social workers, mental health nurses, occupational therapists, psychologist, employment advisors, teachers, and legal advisors/ immigration officers.

Diversity

There is a focus on setting up an advocacy network in collaboration with ADRA-UK, which is engaged in advocacy issues in various areas, including education. Advocacy groups are essential in the UK because they play a crucial role in representing the interests and concerns of multiple communities and individuals. These groups are often formed by people who share a common goal or experience, such as fighting for civil rights, protecting the environment, or advocating for better healthcare. There is a feeling that, as a church, we should be engaged in helping the most disadvantaged in society, according to our values and beliefs.

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We engaged in an innovation incubator where we highlighted the issue of period poverty in the UK. This issue often goes under the radar because most decision-makers are men who would not naturally be aware of how these issues impact women and girls. One in 10 girls in the UK cannot afford to buy menstrual products. This issue affects not only women and girls living in poverty but also those experiencing homelessness, refugees, and asylum seekers.

Period poverty can significantly impact the physical and mental health of those affected. Without access to menstrual products, women and girls may use unhygienic materials like rags or newspapers, leading to infections and other health problems. In addition, the stigma and shame associated with period poverty can cause anxiety and depression, as well as feelings of isolation and exclusion, forcing young girls to miss school.

The Ministerial Association

The Ministerial Association department supports Pastors in achieving spiritual growth, personal development, and professional excellence. The department recognises and ensures that the needs of the ministerial workforce are addressed at the appropriate South England Conference SEC administrative level through representation and advocacy. Moreover, it supports Church Elders, deacons, and deaconesses through training, seminars, and the provision of resources.

The Personal Ministries Department

The department supported church members with training and resource as they helped their local communities in matters of faith, family relationships and health. After the Covid lockdowns many of our churches continue to be opened as food banks and community support centres. Members facilitating these services were provided with literature to share and personnel support to offer the skills needed to work more effectively with their communities.

During the summer school breaks, the department sponsored and helped organise a camp for community teens and youth. The camp ran for 2 weeks, 3 days each week and explored the theme of "Responsibility (Personal, Family and Community)". 28 people benefited from this program at Stanborough School in Watford. Training and resources were provided for other churches that run similar programs in their communities. The department will continue to empower all members to be more relevant (visible, valuable and available) to the communities where they live, work and worship.

Possibility Ministries

In this ministry, we primarily supported the deaf and hard of hearing community. In addition, we supported orphans and vulnerable children with gifts and food. We also supported different projects relating to vulnerable children, teenagers, and adults.

Prison Ministries

The department is working with the National Probation Service on a pilot scheme to send those needing to complete their unpaid work to one of our churches, where they can do small activities and be met with a loving membership, providing an avenue for support. If the project is successful, it could be an opportunity to open it up to other churches within the SEC as we support and engage probationers and their families.

Finally, we have collaborated with the SEC youth department to develop programs that would enhance our support for the young who are outside education, employment, or training. This is a ground-breaking project that includes developing innovative mentoring programs and support.

Public Affairs and Religious Liberty Department ('PARL')

The PARL Department includes among its aims and objectives is to serve God and represent its organisation to the Government, International Organisations, Non-Governmental Associations, Religious Bodies and the Public Realm.

Over 2022 written submissions on behalf of the members of the South England Conference were made to the UK Parliament Human Rights (Joint-Select Committee) for evidence for the public and organisations to respond to the UK Governments Response to COVID -19 Human Rights Implications; To the European 'Right to Disconnect' Initiative for Sunday Rest Protection; and the shared the Biblical Perspective on Gender Self – Identification & UK Government Legislation.

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Stewardship and Trust Services Department

The emphasis of the Stewardship Ministries and Trust Services Department is to inspire, educate, equip, and empower the members of our organisation, to encourage them to experience an authentic, passionate, and grateful life. Our understanding is that as our members understand their identity in relationship to God as His entrusted steward, that they will become and will continue to be an asset for the community. This is why we continue to promote the all-encompassing theme of putting "God First", encouraging every member to be committed stewards in the way they use their time, skills, health, finances, environment, family relationships, stories and technology. We promote Stewardship as a special gift and mission from God. So, through this stewardship education, partnership in this charity's mission to the community becomes the reality as these key messages are delivered, raising awareness to our donors of the different needs in the community, and in keeping with the South England Conference theme over this past four years, which is - Making Disciples and Building Communities.

Over the past 12 months of 2022, the department has conducted 37 presentations on different subjects of Stewardship to 37 church groups, 1 leadership weekend seminar / workshop and 2 online programs that each lasted for a week. It has been a great privilege to connect with different groups of people, encouraging them to make a greater impact in their respective communities.

Teens Ministries Department

From January to March 2022, our weekly talks, workshops, and seminars were focused on topics relevant to the post-pandemic teenage audience. Some of the topics we covered included: teenage stress management, coping with the death of friends and loved ones, teenage anger, tips to sleep better, self-esteem, leadership, how to choose good friends, managing my time on social media, helping at home, dealing with bullying, avoiding drugs and alcohol, healthy and unhealthy coping mechanism, self-yourself, how to build healthy self-esteem and teenage mental health.

We presented these topics through interactive and entertaining seminars and workshops. We prepared the content of our programmes based on surveys, Q&A and the feedback we got from parents, guardians, friends and teens. Other weekly seminars and workshops in 2022 include dealing with depression and anxiety, the benefits of exercise, how to have a healthy diet, dealing with suicidal thoughts, the importance of kindness, and helping at home. We also invited professionals such as psychologists, therapists, pastors, musicians, and teachers. We aimed to give practical advice and tools to help empower the teens to deal with their challenges healthily.

Women's Ministries Department

The focus of our ministry in 2022 was healing restoration and wellbeing. We had online programmes held by NHS Doctors giving talks on various diseases throughout the year. In June, in Holloway, we held a women's day, where all women came together as Professor Nadine Collins from the USA empowered them.

In July, we held a week-long health series in the community where we provided medical consultations by Doctors and Naturopaths, enlightening the community on lifestyle changes as the way forward.

We continue to work with local authorities and other external agencies to assist those with whom we neither have the resources or expertise to help.

Youth Ministries Department

Youth Ministries launched their first event for the year 2022 the 'Youth Leadership Conference: Taking the Risk', at the newly built Hay's Wood Retreat Centre. With over 60 youth leaders from across the SEC in attendance, the event met its objectives of allowing youth leaders the opportunities to share their experiences relating to current trends, challenges, and successes in youth ministries whilst providing resources, support, training, and inspirational messages to empower, inspire and revive. "Refreshing", "Spirit Filled", "Amazing Inspiration" were some of the words used to describe the impact it had made on the lives of those in attendance.

YLC where humbled to have keynote speakers Shannon Alexander who is a Specialist in Youth Behaviour, Elder Raafat Kamal the Trans European Division President, Samuel Semaluka who is currently studying at Newbold College and our very own Youth Director, Anthony Fuller. The youth conference was also blessed to have a special appearance from BUC Youth Director Pastor Kevin Johns and Mrs Johns.

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The weekend put a large emphasis on practical everyday prayers exercises and the importance of Christ centred youth ministries. The different topics included Youth and You, Fearless Leadership, Discipleship in the 21st Century, Don't Judge a Book by its Cover, and The Necessity of Faith. Each presentation was relevant and centred on challenging the youth leaders that leadership primarily is the overflow of a growing experiencing with Christ personally. In addition to the presentations there were youth resources that were given out and the presence of Trevor Johnson with the Stanborough Press allowed for each youth leader to leave fully equipped to begin or continue to take their faith to the next level.

In one of the interactive sessions 'Don't judge a book by its cover' youth leaders were invited to share past experiences of church life which led to a discussion on youth leadership and mental health. Anthony Fuller commented that emotional well-being and self-care is just as important as health and spiritual well-being." Ashleigh Thomas who leads the mental health initiative for the Youth Department shared the news that over 40 youth volunteers had already been trained in mental health first aid within the SEC and that the Youth Ministries are preparing to launch the SEC youth listening line website later this year.

SEC Youth Director Anthony Fuller closed the conference committing to continue to work with the youth leaders across the SEC and was encouraged that over 40 youth leaders had committed to the Senior Youth Leadership Award specialist program.

Financial review

Without our committed staff and faithful church members, the success achieved during this extraordinary year would not have been possible. Strong leadership was provided by our 188 employees and hundreds of volunteers in local churches. Pivotal to the work of the charity during the year was the financial support of our membership, who gave a total of over £18.3m in tithes and freewill offerings and donations to support the work. These funds were used for staff salaries, evangelistic endeavours, humanitarian work, education, retirement benefits and the general governance and administrative operations of the South England Conference.

The Trustees consider that there is a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future and for this reason, the Trustees continue to adopt the 'going concern' basis in preparing the accounts.

The trustees have assessed the risks faced by the charity including safeguarding risks and risk caused by the global pandemic and have formulated plans to mitigate these risks.

Restricted and Unrestricted Funds and Reserves

Restricted funds are generated when the donor stipulates how their donation may be spent. In most cases there will be a time lag between when such funds are received and when they are expended. At 31 December 2022, restricted funds for the charity totalled £12,109,103 (2021: £10,863,614).

Unrestricted funds are generated when the donor does not stipulate how their donation may be spent. Unrestricted funds include designated funds, where the Trustees have set aside monies for a specific purpose.

Tithe fund (Operating Reserves)

It is Charity policy to hold an operating reserve equal to 20% of annual operating budget. The Trustees are seeking to ensure that this policy is met by the charity. At 31 December 2022 the fund held was £2,870,645 (2021: £1,274,253)

Investment in Property Fund

At 31 December 2022, the level of the reserve for Property, Churches and School Buildings was £34,645,698 (2021: £35,723,711) and includes the assets disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

Unrestricted Funds

At 31 December 2022, unrestricted funds for the charity totalled £40,643,747 (2021: £39,106,288).

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Operational Performance and Safeguarding the Vulnerable

The South England Conference continues to operate a policy of care for the vulnerable within its community. All employees and congregation members working with children, vulnerable adults/elderly are required to undergo a mandatory check for suitability using the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). Training for Child Protection is provided through online Child Safety Awareness courses and local training programmes by our 'Keeping the Church Family Safe' (KCFS) coordinator.

The Trustees are confident that the South England Conference was operated in harmony with its Purpose, which as stated in its Constitution is "to proclaim and teach the everlasting gospel". The Charity has a number of strategies for achieving its objectives primarily through the departments in the Conference.

Constitution

The constitution of the South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is periodically reviewed, and any changes presented to the Charity's general assembly (session) for adoption.

Method of Appointment and Training of Trustees

The management of the Charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the constitution.

New trustees are provided with copies of the Charity's constitution and a discussion is carried out in relation to the Charity. In addition, each trustee receives a copy of the Charity Commission document "The essential trustee – what you need to know, what you need to do" and the regular Charity Commission Newsletters. In addition, Trustees are provided with regular bulletins from the Churches Legislative Advisory Service.

Organisational Structure and Decision Making

The Trustees convene approximately every two months to formulate the Charity's strategy. Day-to-day operations are managed by the administrative officers on behalf of the Trustees.

Related Organisations

The Charity maintains relationships with the following constituted bodies of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Great Britain.

- British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists with which the Charity is affiliated.
- Seventh-day Adventist Association Limited, a company controlled by the British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, holding the Charity's land and property in trust.

Risk Management

The trustees diligently manage the significant risks to which the Charity is exposed, particularly those related to operations and finances. Efforts are continually directed toward mitigating these risks through the development and implementation of effective systems and procedures.

Reporting Serious Incidents

The Trustees continue to evaluate the significant risks that the Charity may encounter, specifically concerning its operation and finances. They are confident that effective measures have been implemented to minimise exposure to these major risks. Additionally they have ensured that no significant incidents are unreported to the Charity Commission.

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OBJECTIVES & PUBLIC BENEFIT

Principal Objective and Supporting Objective

The core objective of the Charity is to promote the Christian religion. This is supported by objectives including:

- Cultivating a strong evangelistic vision in all institutions and local congregations
- Establish and maintain an effective pastoral team to advance the Church's mission
- Foster diverse and inclusive faith communities that are attuned to the unique needs of their local neighbourhoods.

Specialised Activities

In addition to its primary objective, the Charity engages in specialised activities such as operating a school,

Public Benefit

The Trustees confirm adherence to the Charity Commission General Guidance on public benefit. The charity's

- Good citizenship
- Healthy communities
- Relief of poverty
- Advancement of education
- Promotion of good parenting

Grant Making Policies

The Charity operates a fund-sharing policy with the British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, allocating a proportion of received funds for use both within the British Union and Internationally. Grants are provided to local congregations based on recovered Gift Aid and approved special needs.

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Trustees Responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charity and the group and of the outgoing resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable group for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- o select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- o observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- o make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- o state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures
- o prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements are compliant. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and the group and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Statement of Disclosure to Auditors

- o So far as the Trustees are aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are the Trustees have taken all the steps that they ought to have taken as Trustees in order to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.
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Approved by the Trustees of South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists signed on their behalf by:

N Stickland

Date: 10th DECEMBER 2023

N Stickland

Executive Secretary

**Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees and
Members of the South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
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Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the South England Conference of Seven-Day Adventists for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the Group and Parent Charity's Statements of Financial Activities, the Group and Parent Charity's Balance Sheets, the Group Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including FRS 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard Applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 December 2022, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, 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 trustees' 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 charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

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

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. 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.

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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 themselves. 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.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities Act 2011 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- the charity has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we required for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees 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 trustees are responsible for assessing the charity'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 the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

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 (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK) 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 purposes of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' 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 charity'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 charity 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.

Explanation as to what extent the audit was considered capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below.

The objectives of our audit in respect of fraud, are; to identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud; to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the assessed risks of material misstatement due to fraud, through designing and implementing appropriate responses to those assessed risks; and to respond appropriately to instances of fraud or suspected fraud identified during the audit. However, the primary responsibility for the prevention and detection of fraud rests with both management and those charged with governance of the charity.

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Our approach was as follows:

- We obtained an understanding of the legal and regulatory requirements applicable to the charity and considered that the most significant are the Charities Act 2011, the Charity SORP, and UK financial reporting standards as issued by the Financial Reporting Council.
- We obtained an understanding of how the charity complies with these requirements by discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We assessed the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, including the risk of material misstatement due to fraud and how it might occur, by holding discussions with management and those charged with governance.
- We inquired of management and those charged with governance as to any known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations.
- Based on this understanding, we designed specific appropriate audit procedures to identify instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. This included making enquiries of management and those charged with governance and obtaining additional corroborative evidence as required.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above. We are less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations that are not closely related to events and transactions reflected in the financial statements. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 8 of the Charities Act 2011. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees 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 any party other than the charity and charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinion we have formed.



Moore Kingston Smith LLP
Senior Statutory Auditor

Date: 13 December 2023

4 Victoria Square
St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 3TF

Moore Kingston Smith LLP is eligible to act as auditor in terms of Section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Group Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	2022			2021		
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:							
Income from donations and legacies							
Donations		18,527,312	1,112,378	19,639,690	17,070,902	702,567	17,773,469
Grants		444,786	-	444,786	397,506	-	397,506
Legacies		88,541	-	88,541	1,597	-	1,597
Government grants		1,269,097	1,910,056	3,179,153	665,479	2,757,695	3,423,174
	2	20,329,736	3,022,434	23,352,170	18,135,484	3,460,262	21,595,746
Income from charitable activities	3	1,407,515	86,605	1,494,120	969,069	28,554	997,623
Investment income	4	60,042	-	60,042	8,508	-	8,508
Other income	5	45,000	-	45,000	2,221,548	-	2,221,548
Total		21,842,293	3,109,039	24,951,332	21,334,609	3,488,816	24,823,425
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities	6	20,135,763	1,862,156	21,997,919	16,197,505	2,784,707	18,982,212
Governance	11	48,057	-	48,057	69,557	-	69,557
		20,183,820	1,862,156	22,045,976	16,267,062	2,784,707	19,051,769
Net income/(expenditure)		1,658,473	1,246,883	2,905,346	5,067,547	704,109	5,771,656
Gains/(losses) on investments		(372,435)	-	(372,435)	143,166	-	143,166
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	(39,675)	39,675	-
Net movement in funds		1,286,038	1,246,883	2,532,911	5,171,038	743,784	5,914,822
Fund balances brought forward		39,263,715	10,888,560	50,152,275	34,092,677	10,144,776	44,237,453
Fund balances carried forward		40,549,753	12,135,443	52,685,186	39,263,715	10,888,560	50,152,275

All recognised gains and losses are included in the statement of financial activities

South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Charity Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 December 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds	2022 Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Unrestricted Funds	2021 Restricted Funds	Total Funds
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income from:							
Income from donations and legacies	2	19,951,478	3,016,079	22,967,557	17,767,112	3,462,338	21,229,450
Charitable activities	3	699,032	86,605	785,637	358,942	24,150	383,092
Investment income	4	59,194	-	59,194	7,912	-	7,912
Other income	5	45,000	-	45,000	2,221,548	-	2,221,548
Total		20,754,704	3,102,684	23,857,388	20,355,514	3,486,488	23,842,002
Expenditure on:							
Charitable activities:	6	18,801,223	1,857,195	20,658,418	15,210,081	2,779,746	17,989,827
Governance	11	43,616	-	43,616	65,933	-	65,933
		18,844,839	1,857,195	20,702,034	15,276,014	2,779,746	18,055,760
Net income/(expenditure)		1,909,865	1,245,489	3,155,354	5,079,500	706,742	5,786,242
Gains/losses on investment assets		(372,435)	-	(372,435)	143,166	-	143,166
Transfers between funds		-	-	-	(33,835)	33,835	-
Net movement in funds		1,537,430	1,245,489	2,782,919	5,188,831	740,577	5,929,408
Fund balances brought forward at January 1		39,106,287	10,863,614	49,969,901	33,917,457	10,123,037	44,040,494
Fund balances carried forward at December 31		40,643,717	12,109,103	52,752,820	39,106,288	10,863,614	49,969,902

All recognised gains and losses are included in the statement of financial activities

South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Consolidated Accounts - Balance Sheet

as at 31 December 2022

	Notes	Group		Charity	
		2022 £	2021 £	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed Assets					
Tangible Fixed Assets	12	38,917,994	38,830,483	38,852,209	38,791,042
Investment Properties	13	550,000	505,000	550,000	505,000
		<u>39,467,994</u>	<u>39,335,483</u>	<u>39,402,209</u>	<u>39,296,042</u>
Current Assets					
Stocks	14	70,732	73,131	70,732	73,131
Debtors	15	3,133,327	2,662,073	3,453,820	2,734,330
Investments	16	7,003,612	1,370,626	7,003,612	1,370,626
Cash at bank and in hand		8,623,207	11,427,110	8,161,982	11,041,380
Total Current Assets		<u>18,830,878</u>	<u>15,532,940</u>	<u>18,690,146</u>	<u>15,219,467</u>
Creditors: Amounts due within a year	17	<u>3,898,201</u>	<u>4,388,987</u>	<u>3,667,030</u>	<u>4,218,446</u>
Net Current Assets		<u>14,932,677</u>	<u>11,143,953</u>	<u>15,023,116</u>	<u>11,001,021</u>
Creditors: Amounts due after one year	18	<u>1,672,505</u>	<u>327,161</u>	<u>1,672,505</u>	<u>327,161</u>
		<u>1,672,505</u>	<u>327,161</u>	<u>1,672,505</u>	<u>327,161</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>52,728,166</u>	<u>50,152,275</u>	<u>52,752,820</u>	<u>49,969,902</u>
Fund balances					
Unrestricted		40,592,723	39,263,715	40,643,717	39,106,288
Restricted		12,135,443	10,888,560	12,109,103	10,863,614
Total Funds	19	<u>52,728,166</u>	<u>50,152,275</u>	<u>52,752,820</u>	<u>49,969,902</u>

Approved and authorised for issue by the Board of Trustees on
and signed on its behalf by:

10th Dec 2023

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Treasurer

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The notes to the financial statements form part of these accounts.

South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Cash flow statement
for the year ended 31 December 2022

A Statement of cash flows	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flow from operating activities			
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	21	2,288,021	4,665,356
Cash flows from investing activities			
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	22	(6,261,370)	(2,792,380)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	23	1,169,445	103,451
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the		(2,803,904)	1,976,427
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		11,427,110	9,450,683
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year		8,623,206	11,427,110

B Analysis of changes in net debt	01 January 2022	Cash flow	Other non- cash	31 December 2022
Cash:				
Cash at bank and in hand	11,427,110	(2,803,904)		8,623,206
less: Deposits treated as liquid resources	(2,019)	-		(2,019)
	11,425,091	(2,803,904)		8,621,187
Cash equivalents:				
Deposits included in cash	2,019	-		2,019
	11,427,110	(2,803,904)		8,623,206
Debt:				
Debts due within one year	(2,740,110)	(1,169,445)	1,375,549	(2,534,006)
Debts due after more than one year	(258,281)		(1,375,549)	(1,633,830)
	8,428,719	(3,973,349)	-	4,455,370

South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
Notes to the Financial Statements
for the year ended 31 December 2022

1 Accounting Policies

1.1 Basis of preparation

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' effective 1 January 2015 and applicable accounting standards. The Statement of Financial Activity and Balance Sheet consolidate the charity and subsidiary undertakings dependent on it. The results of subsidiaries are consolidated on a line by line basis. The results of the the subsidiaries acquired or sold are consolidated for the periods from or to the date upon which control passed. Acquisitions are accounted for under the acquisition method. All intra group transactions, balances and realised gains on transactions between group entities are eliminated on consolidation.

1.2 Basis of income recognition

Voluntary income, by way of donations and gifts to the charity, is included in full in the statement of financial activities when received. Intangible income is not included unless it represents goods or services which would have otherwise been purchased.

Legacies are monitored from the time of notification to their final receipt. They are only included in the financial statements when there is sufficient evidence that the legacy will be received and the value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

The charity does not recognize pending legacies until conditions for recognition have been met.

1.3 Going concern

The trustees have assessed whether the use of going concern is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of the approval of these financial statements. After making enquiries, the trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

1.4 Fund accounting

Restricted funds are those which are to be used for the specified purposes as laid down by the donor. Expenditure which meets these criteria is allocated to the appropriate fund. The nature of restriction is further explained in the notes to the financial statements.

Designated funds are those which have been set aside by the administration with the consent of trustees for specific anticipated purposes or events. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

General or Unrestricted funds are donations and other income received or generated for the furtherance of the objects of the charity without specified purposes and, therefore, are available as general funds.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

1.5 Grant-making policies

The trustees allocate grants in accordance with the objects set out in the charity's written constitution, which are summarised in the Trustees' Annual Report. In general, grants are made to associated charities through appropriate committee requests and policy arrangements, rather than in accordance with public application.

1.6 Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. For legacies, entitlement is the earlier of the charity being notified of an impending distribution or the legacy being received.

Donated services or facilities, which comprise donated services, are included in income at a valuation which is an estimate of the financial cost borne by the donor where such a cost is quantifiable and measurable. No income is recognised where there is no financial cost borne by a third party.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

1.7 Resources expended

All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been included under expense categories that aggregate all costs for allocation to activities. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular activities they have been allocated on a basis consistent with the use of the resources.

Fundraising costs are incurred in seeking voluntary contributions and do not include the costs of disseminating information in support of the charitable activities. Support costs are those costs incurred directly in support of expenditure on the objects of the charity. Governance costs are those incurred in connection with administration of the charity and compliance with constitutional and statutory requirements.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made, except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

Staff costs and overhead expenses are allocated to activities on the basis of time spent on those activities. Resources expended are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on an accruals basis. All costs include value added tax where applicable.

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1.8 Risk mitigation

The Trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which the charity is exposed and have established systems or procedures in order to manage those risks. They are supported in this regard by Adventist Risk Management who create awareness of risk for the world-wide operations of the church and who source cover to mitigate attendant risks.

1.9 Foreign Currency Translations

The South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is part of the world-wide network of Seventh-day Adventists contributing to that endeavour and being supported by it. Funds are transferred between organisations at monthly internal exchange rates for inter-organisational transfers, and at rates determined by our Banks for external transactions.

1.10 Fixed Assets

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets in order to write off each asset on a straight-line basis over its expected economic life. The rates of depreciation applied to each class of asset are:

Freehold property	1.33%
Office fixtures and equipment	20 - 33%
Computer equipment	20 - 33%

Items of furniture and equipment costing less than £1,000 each are treated as an expense on acquisition.

1.11 Pension costs

Following the closure of the Seventh-day Adventist Retirement plan in December 2013, pensions are now provided in terms of the national Auto-Enrolment requirements and funds are invested in a Group Personal Pension Plan through Legal and General Insurance Company. Costs relating to the former plan are now borne by the British Union Conference and shared across the member entities.

1.12 Stock

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow moving items. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

1.13 Operating leases

Rentals payable under operating leases are charged in the profit and loss account on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.14 Investments

Investments are stated at market value at the balance sheet date. The Statement of Financial Activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluations and disposals throughout the year.

1.15 Investment properties

Investment properties are included in the Balance Sheet at their open market value.

1.16 Accounting for local congregation funds

A sound organisational structure, good financial management and control have always been characteristic of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Affiliated local congregations are considered to be members of South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

There is a strong bond between the congregations and the Conference. Donations in respect of tithe, Church World Mission and special offerings given by individual members have always been remitted to the Conference as Conference Funds. These funds belong to the Conference which administers them, employing and directing the ministers, and which has beneficial ownership of church buildings.

Members also give funds specifically for the work locally and for the maintenance and upkeep of their church building. Traditionally these "Local Funds" have been held administered and accounted for locally.

Over time, the relationship between the local congregations and their respective Mission or Conference has evolved and the financial bond has strengthened. Increasingly, local congregations have remitted "Local Funds" to their Conference or Mission to administer.

In these financial statements "Local Funds" remitted to and administered by the conference are included as Incoming Resources and Expenditures of the Conference. These funds, held by the Conference, are disclosed as belonging to the Conference, and are disclosed separately as funds restricted to the use of the local congregations.

Donations retained and administered locally have not been included in these financial statements since the Trustees do not control these funds. Donors participate in the appointment and governance of the church at all levels, and anticipate transparency appropriate to their expectations. In the opinion of the Trustees, consolidation would serve to confuse their understanding.

1.16 Accounting for local congregation funds (continued)

There are over 200 congregations directly affiliated to the South England Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

Accounts in respect of Charitable funds donated by members of the local congregation and administered by local funds treasurers have always been prepared and presented annually to the local congregation. There has also long been in place a program for Independent Examination of those local funds by the Conference. It is estimated that for 2022 total resources administered locally are in the region of £440,000.

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1.17 Financial instruments

a. Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash at banks and in hand and short term deposits with a maturity date of three months or less.

b. Debtors and creditors

Amounts receivable or payable within one year of the reporting date are carried at their transaction price. Amounts that are receivable or payable in more than one year and are not subject to a market rate of interest are measured at the present value of the expected future receipts or payment discounted at a market rate of interest.

1.18 Critical accounting estimates and judgments

In the application of the Charity's accounting policies, the Trustees are required to make judgements, estimates and assumptions about the carrying amount of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. The estimates and associated assumptions are based on historical experience and other factors that are considered to be relevant. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

The estimates and underlying assumptions are reviewed on an ongoing basis. Revisions to accounting estimates are recognised in the period in which the estimate is revised, if the revision affects only that period, or in the period of the revision and future periods if the revision affects both current and future periods.

The following judgements and estimates have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements. The Trustees make an estimate of the recoverable value of trade and other debtors. When assessing any impairment of trade and other debtors, Trustees consider factors including the current credit rating of the debtor, the ageing profile of debtors and historical experience.

The annual depreciation charge for fixed assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are re-assessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on technological advancement, future investments, economic utilisation and the physical condition of the assets.

The present value of future defined benefit retirement liabilities is assessed annually by the actuaries of the pension fund.

2 Income from donations and legacies

Group:

Tithe contributions from members in affiliated congregations
 Grants from British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists
 Donations for charity's activities in other geographical areas, from members of affiliated congregations
 Donations in local congregations for local use
 Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations

Subtotal of base donations

Donations

Legacies

Grants

Subtotal of other donations

Total income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted Funds	2022 Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£
18,388,886	18,388,886	-	18,388,886
51,000	51,000	-	51,000
-	-	973,282	973,282
-	-	131,691	131,691
1,269,097	1,269,097	1,910,056	3,179,153
Subtotal of base donations	19,708,983	3,015,029	22,724,012
Donations	138,426	7,405	145,831
Legacies	88,541	-	88,541
Grants	393,786	-	393,786
Subtotal of other donations	620,753	7,405	628,158
Total income from donations and legacies	20,329,736	3,022,434	23,352,170

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2 Income from donations and legacies (continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Charity:			
Tithe contributions from members in affiliated congregations	18,388,876	-	18,388,876
Grants from British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists	84,000	-	84,000
Donations for charity's activities in other geographical areas, from members of affiliated congregations	-	973,282	973,282
Donations in local congregations for local use	-	131,691	131,691
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations	1,269,097	1,910,056	3,179,153
Subtotal of base donations	19,741,973	3,015,029	22,757,002
Donations	119,464	1,050	120,514
Legacies	88,541	-	88,541
Grants	1,500	-	1,500
Subtotal of other donations	209,505	1,050	210,555
Total income from donations and legacies	19,951,478	3,016,079	22,967,557

	Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Group:			
Tithe contributions from members in affiliated congregations	16,982,451	-	16,982,451
Grants from British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists	84,000	-	84,000
Donations for charity's activities in other geographical areas, from members of affiliated congregations	-	651,933	651,933
Donations in local congregations for local use	-	47,447	47,447
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations	665,479	2,757,695	3,423,174
Subtotal of base donations	17,731,930	3,457,075	21,189,005
Donations	88,451	3,187	91,638
Legacies	1,597	-	1,597
Grants	313,506	-	313,506
Government Grants	-	-	-
Similar Incoming Resources	-	-	-
Subtotal of other donations	403,554	3,187	406,741
Total income from donations and legacies	18,135,484	3,460,262	21,595,746

Charity:			
Tithe contributions from members in affiliated congregations	16,982,451	-	16,982,451
Grants from British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists	84,000	-	84,000
Donations for charity's activities in other geographical areas, from members of affiliated congregations	-	654,009	654,009
Donations in local congregations for local use	-	48,558	48,558
Tax recoverable on Gift Aid donations	641,718	2,757,695	3,399,413
Subtotal of base donations	17,708,169	3,460,262	21,168,431
Donations	27,660	2,076	29,736
Legacies	1,597	-	1,597
Grants	29,686	-	29,686
Government grants	-	-	-
Subtotal of other donations	58,943	2,076	61,019
Total income from donations and legacies	17,767,112	3,462,338	21,229,450

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3 Incoming Resources from charitable activities

	Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Group			
Church Ministry	813,063	86,605	899,668
Education	594,452	-	594,452
Total Charitable Income	1,407,515	86,605	1,494,120

Charity			
Church Ministry	699,032	86,605	785,637
Total Charitable Income	699,032	86,605	785,637

	Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Group			
Church Ministry	179,631	24,150	203,781
Education	789,438	4,404	793,842
Total Charitable Income	969,068	28,554	997,623

Charity			
Church Ministry	358,942	24,150	383,092
Total Charitable Income	358,941	24,150	383,092

4 Investment Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Group			
Locally listed investments	58,443	-	58,443
Return on local cash	1,599	-	1,599
Unrealised Gains(Losses) on Investment	(372,435)	-	(372,435)
	(312,393)	-	(312,393)

Charity			
Locally listed investments	58,443	-	58,443
Return on local cash	751	-	751
Unrealised Gains(Losses) on Investment	(372,435)	-	(372,435)
	(313,241)	-	(313,241)

	Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Group			
Locally listed investments	30,246	-	30,246
Return on local cash	(21,738)	-	(21,738)
Unrealised Gains(Losses) on Investment	143,166	-	143,166
	151,674	-	151,674

Charity			
Locally listed investments	7,912	-	7,912
Unrealised Gains(Losses) on Investment	143,166	-	143,166
	151,078	-	151,078

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5 Other Incoming Resources

	Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Group			
Gain on sale of assets	-	-	-
Other income	45,000	-	45,000
Total Other Income	<u>45,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,000</u>
Charity			
Gain on sale of assets	-	-	-
Other income	45,000	-	45,000
Total Other Income	<u>45,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,000</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	2021 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Group			
Gain on sale of assets	2,221,548	-	2,221,548
Other income	-	-	-
Total Other Income	<u>2,221,548</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,221,548</u>
Charity			
Gain on sale of assets	2,221,548	-	2,221,548
Other income	-	-	-
Total Other Income	<u>2,221,548</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,221,548</u>

6 Expenditure by Charitable Activity

Summary by fund type	Unrestricted Funds £	2022 Restricted Funds £	Total Funds £
Group			
Church Ministry	11,465,176	1,147,170	12,612,346
Education	2,492,984	4,961	2,500,720
Objectives in other geographical areas	4,338,988	710,025	5,049,013
Retirement responsibilities	1,838,615	-	1,838,615
Total Charitable Expenditure	<u>20,135,763</u>	<u>1,862,156</u>	<u>22,000,694</u>
Charity			
Church Ministry	10,609,623	1,147,170	11,756,793
Education	2,013,997	-	2,013,997
Objectives in other geographical areas	4,338,988	710,025	5,049,013
Retirement responsibilities	1,838,615	-	1,838,615
Total Charitable Expenditure	<u>18,801,223</u>	<u>1,857,195</u>	<u>20,658,418</u>
Group			
Church Ministry	8,382,229	2,085,050	10,467,279
Education	2,088,615	4,961	2,093,576
Objectives in other geographical areas	4,028,599	694,696	4,723,295
Retirement responsibilities	1,698,062	-	1,698,062
Total Charitable Expenditure	<u>16,197,505</u>	<u>2,784,707</u>	<u>18,982,212</u>
Charity			
Church Ministry	7,749,337	2,085,050	9,834,387
Education	1,734,083	-	1,734,083
Objectives in other geographical areas	4,028,599	694,696	4,723,295
Retirement responsibilities	1,698,062	-	1,698,062
Total Charitable Expenditure	<u>15,210,081</u>	<u>2,779,746</u>	<u>17,989,827</u>

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7 a. Analysis of Resources by Activity

Group	2022			Total Expense £
	Grant Funding of Activities £	Activities Directly Undertaken £	Support Costs £	
Church Ministry	264,794	9,697,615	2,649,937	12,612,346
Education	222,104	1,974,386	301,455	2,497,945
Objectives in other geographical areas	5,049,013	-	-	5,049,013
Retirement responsibilities	1,838,615	-	-	1,838,615
	<u>7,374,526</u>	<u>11,672,001</u>	<u>2,951,392</u>	<u>21,997,919</u>

	2021			Total Expense £
	Grant Funding of Activities £	Activities Directly Undertaken £	Support Costs £	
Church Ministry	107,812	8,193,265	2,166,202	10,467,279
Education	228,250	1,590,597	274,729	2,093,576
Objectives in other geographical areas	4,723,295	-	-	4,723,295
Retirement responsibilities	1,698,062	-	-	1,698,062
	<u>6,757,419</u>	<u>9,783,862</u>	<u>2,440,932</u>	<u>18,982,212</u>

Charity	2022			Total Expense £
	Grant Funding of Activities £	Activities Directly Undertaken £	Support Costs £	
Church Ministry	264,794	9,114,782	2,377,221	11,756,797
Education	737,108	1,012,753	264,136	2,013,997
Objectives in other geographical areas	5,049,013	-	-	5,049,013
Retirement responsibilities	1,838,615	-	-	1,838,615
	<u>7,889,530</u>	<u>10,127,535</u>	<u>2,641,357</u>	<u>20,658,422</u>

	2021			Total Expense £
	Grant Funding of Activities £	Activities Directly Undertaken £	Support Costs £	
Church Ministry	107,812	7,668,675	2,057,900	9,834,387
Education	653,352	852,075	228,656	1,734,083
Objectives in other geographical areas	4,723,295	-	-	4,723,295
Retirement responsibilities	1,698,062	-	-	1,698,062
	<u>7,182,521</u>	<u>8,520,751</u>	<u>2,286,556</u>	<u>17,989,827</u>

7 b. Analysis of non-grant expenditure by Charitable Activity

Group	2022			Total £
	Staff Costs £	Depreciation £	Other Costs £	
Church Ministry	6,821,365	480,150	5,046,037	12,347,552
Education	1,791,650	5,843	478,348	2,275,841
	<u>8,613,015</u>	<u>485,993</u>	<u>5,524,385</u>	<u>14,623,393</u>

	2021			Total £
	Staff Costs £	Depreciation £	Other Costs £	
Church Ministry	6,420,155	477,060	3,462,252	10,359,467
Education	1,765,875	24,745	74,707	1,865,326
	<u>8,186,029</u>	<u>501,805</u>	<u>3,536,959</u>	<u>12,224,793</u>

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7 b. Analysis of non-grant expenditure by Charitable Activity (continued)

Charity	2022			Total £
	Staff Costs £	Depreciation £	Other Costs £	
Church Ministry	6,717,645	431,030	4,343,328	11,492,003
Education	746,405	47,892	482,592	1,276,889
	<u>7,464,050</u>	<u>478,922</u>	<u>4,825,920</u>	<u>12,768,892</u>
	2021			Total £
	Staff Costs £	Depreciation £	Other Costs £	
Church Ministry	6,501,493	433,904	2,791,178	9,726,575
Education	722,388	48,212	310,131	1,080,731
	<u>7,223,881</u>	<u>482,116</u>	<u>3,101,309</u>	<u>10,807,306</u>

8 Analysis of grants

Grants to individuals	2022		2021	
	Number of Beneficiaries	Total £	Number of Beneficiaries	Total £
Group - Education Grants & Support	109	<u>152,104</u>	80	<u>253,372</u>
Charity - Education Grants & Support	109	<u>152,104</u>	80	<u>253,372</u>
Grants to institutions	2022		2021	
	Group £	Charity £	Group £	Charity £
Name of Institution / grant	Grant description			
Primary schools	70,000	585,004		399,980
British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists	2,291,091	2,291,091	2,006,396	2,006,396
British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists	2,757,922	2,757,922	2,716,899	2,716,899
Local congregations				
Other grants to Church Entities	264,794	264,794	107,812	107,812
Retirement Fund	<u>1,838,615</u>	<u>1,838,615</u>	<u>1,698,062</u>	<u>1,698,062</u>
Total Institutional Grants	<u>7,222,422</u>	<u>7,737,426</u>	<u>6,529,169</u>	<u>6,929,149</u>
Total Grants	<u>7,374,526</u>	<u>7,889,530</u>	<u>6,782,541</u>	<u>7,182,521</u>

9 Governance costs

	2022		2021	
	Group £	Charity £	Group £	Charity £
Audit costs	34,035	29,594	63,012	59,388
Trustee expenses	14,022	14,022	6,545	6,545
	<u>48,057</u>	<u>43,616</u>	<u>69,557</u>	<u>65,933</u>

10 Net resources expended

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
This is stated after charging:		
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets:	485,993	457,482
Reimbursement of expenses to trustees	14,022	6,545
Fees payable to the charity's auditor for the audit of the annual accounts	<u>34,035</u>	<u>63,012</u>

During the year retirement benefits were accruing to 12 Trustees (2021: 12) in respect of pension schemes

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11 Staff Costs

	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Staff costs were as follows:		
Wages and Salaries	6,877,352	6,543,745
Social Security Costs	745,304	678,153
Other pension Costs	<u>990,359</u>	<u>964,131</u>
	<u>8,613,015</u>	<u>8,186,029</u>

	2022 no	2021 no
The average number of employees during the year in the following categories were:		
Charitable activities	147	155
Support activities	25	26
Management and administration	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>
	<u>188</u>	<u>197</u>

No employees received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 during the year

Employed trustees and their immediate family members received emoluments as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Key management	166,926	152,958
Other trustees	714,291	669,812

12 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Freehold Property £	Leasehold property £	Operational Equipment £	Capital Work in Progress £	Total £
Group Cost					
As at 01 January 2022	34,739,730	1,054,911	864,046	10,346,109	47,004,796
Additions	-	-	58,711	514,794	573,505
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
As at 31 December 2022	<u>34,739,730</u>	<u>1,054,911</u>	<u>922,757</u>	<u>10,860,903</u>	<u>47,578,301</u>
Depreciation					
As at 01 January 2022	7,109,217	222,327	842,769	-	8,174,313
Charge for Year	437,747	30,187	18,060	-	485,994
On Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
As at 31 December 2022	<u>7,546,964</u>	<u>252,514</u>	<u>860,829</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,660,307</u>
Net Book Value					
As at 01 January 2022	<u>27,630,513</u>	<u>832,584</u>	<u>21,277</u>	<u>10,346,109</u>	<u>38,830,483</u>
As at 31 December 2022	<u>27,192,766</u>	<u>802,397</u>	<u>61,928</u>	<u>10,860,903</u>	<u>38,917,994</u>
Charity Cost					
As at 01 January 2022	34,701,346	1,054,911	687,554	10,346,109	46,789,920
Additions	-	-	25,295	514,794	540,089
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
As at 31 December 2022	<u>34,701,346</u>	<u>1,054,911</u>	<u>712,849</u>	<u>10,860,903</u>	<u>47,330,009</u>
Depreciation					
As at 01 January 2022	7,097,853	222,327	678,698	-	7,998,878
Charge for Year	438,876	30,187	9,859	-	478,922
On Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
As at 31 December 2022	<u>7,536,729</u>	<u>252,514</u>	<u>688,557</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,477,800</u>
Net Book Value					
As at 01 January 2022	<u>27,603,493</u>	<u>832,584</u>	<u>8,566</u>	<u>10,346,109</u>	<u>38,791,042</u>
As at 31 December 2022	<u>27,164,617</u>	<u>802,397</u>	<u>24,292</u>	<u>10,860,903</u>	<u>38,852,209</u>

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13 Investment Property

	Group		Charity	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Market Value at 01 January	505,000	505,000	505,000	505,000
Net investment (loss)/gain	45,000	-	45,000	-
Market value at 31 December	<u>550,000</u>	<u>505,000</u>	<u>550,000</u>	<u>505,000</u>

The valuation was undertaken on 23 January 2023 by Jeffreys, a firm of chartered surveyors.

14 Stocks

	Group		Charity	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Departmental supplies	70,732	73,131	70,732	73,131
	<u>70,732</u>	<u>73,131</u>	<u>70,732</u>	<u>73,131</u>

15 Debtors

	Group		Charity	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Due after more than one year				
Loans owed by group undertakings	-	-	250,336	-
Loans owed by related charities	-	61,750	-	61,750
Loans owed by employees	111,657	153,791	111,657	153,791
Other receivables	1,950	10,851	1,950	10,851
	<u>113,607</u>	<u>226,392</u>	<u>363,943</u>	<u>226,392</u>
Due within one year				
Trade debtors	23,277	8,327	21	-
Other amounts owed by related charities	7,974	27,813	76,183	122,652
Amounts owed by local congregations	1,852,543	1,357,643	1,856,411	1,361,510
Government grants due	979,178	926,070	979,378	926,070
Accrued Income	-	-	73,928	-
Prepayments	16,506	3,311	13,944	-
Employees	88,855	97,706	88,855	97,706
Other Receivables	5,191	14,811	1,157	-
	<u>2,973,724</u>	<u>2,435,681</u>	<u>3,089,877</u>	<u>2,507,938</u>
Total	<u>3,087,331</u>	<u>2,662,073</u>	<u>3,453,820</u>	<u>2,734,330</u>

16 Current Asset Investments

	Group		Charity	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£
Listed investments	7,003,612	1,370,626	7,003,612	1,370,626
	<u>7,003,612</u>	<u>1,370,626</u>	<u>7,003,612</u>	<u>1,370,626</u>

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17 Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	Group		Charity	
	2022 £	2021 £	2022 £	2021 £
Bank Loans and Overdrafts	2,534,006	2,740,110	2,534,006	2,740,110
Suppliers	-	223,389	-	223,389
Advances for charitable activities	77,546	68,375	314	-
Due to group undertakings	-	-	17,039	-
Due to associated charities	569,110	593,223	569,110	592,412
Due to local congregations	164,110	408,492	164,110	408,492
Employees	5,824	4,180	5,824	4,180
Accrued expenses	237,949	142,159	235,009	138,451
Deferred income	102,193	95,842	-	805
Taxes payable	8,093	-	-	-
Other Creditors	196,355	113,217	141,618	110,607
	3,895,186	4,388,987	3,667,030	4,218,446

18 Creditors: Amounts falling due after one year

	Group		Charity	
	2022 £	2021 £	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans	1,633,830	258,281	1,633,830	258,281
Amounts due to associated charities	38,675	68,880	38,675	68,880
	1,672,505	327,161	1,672,505	327,161
Of which amounts falling due after 5 years: Repayable by instalments	1,260,195	59,045	1,260,195	59,045

19 Statement of Funds (Group)

	Brought Forward £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers In / Out £	Carried Forward £
Designated Funds					
Invested in Property	35,763,212	-	(485,089)	478,171	35,756,294
Church and School Buildings	364,512	-	(204,529)	-	159,983
Local Congregation Needs	964,033	18,617	(282,678)	148,267	848,239
Buildings Maintenance	-	-	-	300,000	300,000
General Conventions	135,000	65,000	-	-	200,000
Other Program Funds	6,165	-	-	-	6,165
Total Designated Funds	37,232,922	83,617	(972,296)	926,438	37,270,681
General Funds					
Tithe Fund	1,274,253	12,206,102	(10,609,710)	-	2,870,645
Other General Funds	756,540	9,180,129	(8,601,814)	(926,438)	451,397
Pension Deficit	-	-	-	-	-
Total General Funds	2,030,793	21,386,231	(19,211,524)	(926,438)	3,322,042
Total Unrestricted Funds	39,263,715	21,469,848	(20,183,820)	-	40,592,723
Restricted Funds					
ADRA-UK	-	-	-	-	-
Donations for World Missions	156,575	973,282	(710,025)	-	419,832
Retirement Home	291,808	-	-	-	291,808
Church Building Funds	127,252	2,888	-	-	130,140
Schools' resources	27,023	6,355	(4,961)	-	28,417
Local Congregational Funds	10,020,057	2,094,514	(1,091,115)	-	11,023,456
Other restricted funds	265,845	32,000	(56,055)	-	241,790
Total Restricted Funds	10,888,560	3,109,039	(1,862,156)	-	12,135,443
Total Funds	50,152,275	24,578,887	(22,045,976)	-	52,728,166

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19 Statement of Funds (Charity)	Brought Forward	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers In / Out	Carried Forward
	£	£	£	£	£
Designated Funds					
Invested in Property	35,723,711	-	(478,922)	(599,091)	34,645,698
Church and School Buildings	364,512	-	(204,529)	-	159,983
Local Congregation Needs	964,033	18,617	(282,678)	148,267	848,239
Buildings Maintenance	-	-	-	300,000	300,000
General Conventions	135,000	65,000	-	-	200,000
Other Program Funds	6,165	-	-	-	6,165
Total Designated Funds	37,193,421	83,617	(966,129)	(150,824)	36,160,085
General Funds					
Tithe Fund	1,274,253	12,206,102	(10,609,710)	-	2,870,645
Other General Funds	638,613	8,092,550	(7,269,000)	150,824	1,612,987
Total General Funds	1,912,866	20,298,652	(17,878,710)	150,824	4,483,632
Total Unrestricted Funds	39,106,287	20,382,269	(18,844,839)	-	40,643,717
Restricted Funds					
ADRA-UK	-	-	-	-	-
Donations for World Missions	156,575	973,282	(710,025)	-	419,832
Retirement Home	291,808	-	-	-	291,808
Church Building Funds	127,252	-	-	-	130,140
Local Congregational Funds	10,020,057	2,094,514	(1,091,115)	-	11,023,456
Other restricted funds	267,922	32,000	(56,055)	-	243,867
Total Restricted Funds	10,863,614	3,102,684	(1,857,195)	-	12,109,103
Total Funds	49,969,901	23,484,953	(20,702,034)	-	52,752,820

20 Analysis of net assets between funds	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£
Tangible fixed assets	38,917,994	-	38,917,994	38,830,483
Investment property	550,000	-	550,000	505,000
Current Assets	6,649,438	12,135,443	18,784,881	15,532,940
Creditors due within one year	(3,895,186)	-	(3,895,186)	(4,388,987)
Creditors due in more than one year	(1,672,505)	-	(1,672,505)	(327,161)
Pension Scheme Liability	-	-	-	-
Total Funds	40,549,741	12,135,443	52,685,184	50,152,275

21 Net cash flow from operating activities	2022	2021
	£	£
Net incoming resources before revaluations	2,532,909	5,914,823
Returns on Investments & servicing of finance	(312,135)	(140,888)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	485,994	457,482
Provision for bad debts made/(released)	(158)	(11,013)
Revaluation of investments	322,014	(143,166)
(Increase) / Decrease in stocks	2,399	(3,483)
(Increase) / Decrease in debtors	(425,100)	(918,799)
Increase / (Decrease) in creditors	(317,902)	(489,600)
	2,288,021	4,665,356

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22 Analysis of cash flows from investing activities

	2022 £	2021 £
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	313,241	151,078
Interest received	(1,106)	(10,190)
Interest paid	312,135	140,888
Proceeds of sale of property, plant & equipment	-	-
Investments made	(6,000,000)	-
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(573,505)	(2,933,268)
Net cash inflow from investing activities	(6,261,370)	(2,792,380)

23 Analysis of cash flows from financing activities

Loans received	1,600,000	210,000
Less loans repaid	(430,555)	(106,549)
Net cash inflow from investing activities	1,169,445	103,451

24 Related party transactions

The charity is affiliated to the British Union Conference of Seventh-day Adventists (a registered charity), Stanborough Park, Garston Watford, herts, WD25 9JZ, and with which the charity has a tithe-sharing agreement.

The charity also has relations with The Eden School, a private primary school operated by the spouse of an officer of the charity.

	British Union Conference £	Eden School £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Tithe-sharing grants received	84,000	-	84,000	103,918
Tithe-sharing grants made	4,338,952	-	4,338,952	4,075,350
Tithe-sharing for Pension Deficit	1,838,615	-	1,838,615	1,464,118
Other grants made	-	-	-	70,000
Amounts due to charity < 1 year	-	-	-	42,903
Loans due to charity < 1 year	20,285	-	20,285	34,676
Loans due by charity > 1 year	38,675	-	38,675	99,476
Other amounts due by charity < 1 year	548,285	-	548,285	833,889

25 Other related entities

	Country	Description
Seventh-day Adventist Association Ltd Garston, Watford, Hertfordshire	UK	Titular holder of property (Trustees are appointed by BUC executive committee)

26 Group entities

The following entities are consolidated into the group financial statements:

Entity	Activity
Hay's Wood Retreat Limited	Operating the Hay's Wood Retreat
Adventist Radio London	Radio broadcasting
Newbold School	Education
Highland House School	Education
Fleetwood School	Education