

BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST APOSTOLIC U.K.

England & Wales · Charity number 1047717

Details

Other names	BETHEL UNITED, BETHEL UNITED CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1995-07-04
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION

Activities: PLANTING OF CHURCHES, CHURCH SERVICES AND BIBLE COLLEGE

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** U K AND WORLDWIDE
- Throughout England And Wales

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£1,127,508	£1,149,455	£3,643,518	13
2024-03-31	£877,808	£1,109,879	£3,665,465	10
2023-03-31	£937,830	£738,705	£3,827,953	5
2022-03-31	£1,006,526	£993,852	£3,585,368	16
2021-03-31	£716,956	£780,589	£3,552,608	27

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Gilbert Pomell	Chair	2017-12-16
DENSON LEWIN		2017-12-16
Jacob Smith		2017-09-11
LEESORN FOSTER-BROOKS		2017-12-16
Rev RAYMOND NARME		2017-09-11

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Accounts

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2025



Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.

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Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers
For the year ended 31 March 2025

Trustees

Mr G Pomell, Chair
Mr D Lewin, Treasurer
Mr R Narme
Mr J Smith
Mrs L Foster-Brooks

Charity registered number 1047717

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Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.

Trustees' Report

For the year ended 31 March 2025

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K. ("the Charity") for the year 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The Charity's main objective is to advance the Christian faith.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Achievements and performance

a. Review of activities

Bethel National Trustees, volunteered their service since 16th December 2017, we started out with seven but one resigned and another has passed away. We have not been paid or had our expenses remunerated, for 8 years.

The Charity is working in furtherance of its aims and objects, the following activities were undertaken during the noted financial year:

1. We developed the ministry throughout the U.K working in partnership with other Bethel family of churches, who are registered independently. The individual members of independent branch churches remain individual voting and non-voting members of Bethel Charity (1047717).
 2. Our Annual 68th National convocation and other national department meetings, in person, occurred during the financial year which were well supported by members.
 3. The Charity supported Children's ministry i.e. Bethel United School of Youth (BUSY) during national meetings. This Charity also supported our elderly treasured saints from 70+ years e.g. national fellowship meals, free of charge, during our annual Convocation.
 4. We continue our fundraising activities and hospitality function to facilitate the above activities as well as the maintenance of fixed assets.
 5. Monthly repayments of £6,104 average per month on the loan for BCC, continues and the remaining loan tenure is 9 years and 5 months, as of 31st March 2025.
 6. The Conflict-of-Interest Policy remains relevant during trustees' meetings, practice, etc.
 7. Financial Controls & Expense Policies; and Fraud Risk Management Policy remain in place during the noted financial period.
 8. Account reporting system continues to be monitored to maintain and or improve auditing; trustees have fully implemented Zero accounting software instead of sage.
 9. The Charity submitted required corporation tax information via our accountants to HMRC.
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Trustees' Report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2025

Achievements and performance (continued)

10. Investment improvements, repairs continue to be made to Bethel Convention Centre, which is now valued at £4.330m.

11. Branch churches registered independently, together with individual membership donations, as well as income from national meetings and gift aid claims, contributed towards monthly loan repayment and some capital investment/repairs. The outstanding mortgage principal owed to Barclays Bank was £463,961 as of 31st March 2025. The capital amount paid during the period was £84,646. However, the interest paid since the new contract is £38,208.

12. Capital investment/repairs on BCC for the period was £54,393: these consisted of LED screens, upgraded security alarm system, software upgrades and training for cyber security, lift renovation, the latest version of desktop computers & laptops, power wiring, office equipment, and, carpet for the chapel. Income from BCC as well as from the above sources serves to finance the entire aims and objectives of the Charity.

13. There are no branch churches remaining in the charity 1047717. However, trustees are in the process of transferring 2 Gibson Road Church building, their fixed assets, bank account together with gifting three houses bequeathed to 1047717. BUCJCA 2 Gibson Road was registered in December 2022 but their assets remain within and are consolidated within 1047717.

14. Trustees, in consultation with the Board of Bishops and voting members, are in the process of moving the legal structure of the Organisation from an Unincorporated to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Agreeing the contents of a CIO Constitution is still under consultation.

15. This reporting period also provides an overview of the current operational structure, workforce composition, and strategic improvements underway at BCC. The organisation is supported by a mixed staffing model comprising permanent employees, zero-hour and contracted staff. However, our dedicated group of volunteers, who had contributed significantly to service delivery and community engagement, has retired. We thank them very much for their labour of love. To ensure continuity during a period of long-term sickness, we have recruited a temporary office worker. This measure has stabilised administrative functions while wider work continues to develop a comprehensive staff skills matrix. This matrix will clearly define roles, responsibilities, and competencies, to reduce duplication, streamline workflow, and manage staffing costs more effectively.

16. We endeavour to effectively monitor staff hours to ensure events labour cost doesn't detriment profit margin. For example, event labour costs, excluding permanent contract hours, from July to November 2025 were £3,990. This adjustment reflects our ongoing commitment to aligning resources with operational demand. Communication and organisational effectiveness have also been strengthened through the formation of a monthly Senior Leadership Team (SLT), providing a structured forum for decision-making, oversight, and strategic planning.

17. Across all activities, we continue to identify marginal gains that can deliver cumulative savings, enabling reinvestment into priority areas. Capital expenditure remains a significant obligation ("big-ticket item"), as maintaining a functional, safe, and attractive environment is essential for ensuring the venue remains bookable and competitive. Recognising the lasting impact of COVID-19 on weekday footfall and hiring patterns, renewed efforts are being made to increase weekday bookings through enhanced marketing and outreach. This remains a key challenge but also a priority opportunity for revenue diversification and future growth.

18. Overall, BCC is making steady progress in strengthening operational resilience, improving efficiency, and positioning the organisation for sustainable development in the year ahead.

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Achievements and performance (continued)**b. Investment policy and performance**

The inflated cost of living, including high interest rates, impacts every stratum of society including the Charity's fundraising initiatives across the board. However, the Charity's assets are available. The Charity has the core personnel for growth i.e. salespersons, general manager, and a bookkeeper.

Financial review**a. Going concern**

The Charity has reported a deficit for the year of £21,947 (2024 - deficit of £162,488) and at the balance sheet date had net current assets of £524,397 (2024 - £54,129).

Before and in March 2020 the spread of COVID-19 precipitated an unprecedented level of temporary closure to entities within the leisure and hospitality sector as well as religious organisations. As a result of these restrictions, branch churches were closed for a considerable period as well as the Bethel Convention Centre closing at the end of March 2020. These situations resulted in a significant reduction in income from 1st April 2020. Since the easing of restrictions within the leisure and hospitality sectors in May 2021, the Convention Centre has been able to utilise some of its capacity and hold Sunday service events and is slowly starting to facilitate external lettings.

The Trustees have prepared forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonable increases in letting performance, which show that the Charity should be able to operate within the levels of its current facility.

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. Thus, they consider that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. Reserves policy

The Trustees have established the level of reserves (that is those funds which are freely available) that the Charity ought to have. Reserves are needed to ensure that the day to day operation of the Charity can be sustained. The Charity's policy is to try to maintain reserves to cover 6 months of unrestricted expenditure.

Movements in individual fund balances are given in note 15 and show closing reserves of £1,452,981 (2024 - £1,373,665) after allowance for designated funds and amounts tied up in fixed assets. This equates to roughly 15 months of unrestricted expenditure.

c. Principal funding

A detailed Statement of Financial Activities is set out on page 12 of the Financial Statements. A summary of the financial results of the charity is set out below.

During the year, the Charity raised a total of £1,127,508 (2024 - £877,808) income before charitable expenditure. All of this income related to unrestricted funds and were raised through donations, tithed income, offerings, trading income, rental income and interest received.

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Trustees' Report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2025

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) UK was established in January 1986 and is governed by its constitution dated 29 May 1995, amended in 2004 and amended again on 16th December 2017. The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 4 July 1995 under Charity number 1047717.

The Charity has a new Spiritual Board called the Board of Bishops (BOBS), which is made up of Bishops. The BOBS replaced the National Ecclesiastical Council which had replaced the Spiritual governance role previously held by the Executive Board. This is referred to in the Charity's Constitution amended on 29 July 2004; 16 December 2017 and 4th February 2023). This is further explained in the minutes of the AGM which have been submitted to the Charity Commission.

The distinct separation of the Spiritual and legal components of the Charity is unique for the charity and for this reason, will be a working progress. Nevertheless, trustees remain accountable for all financial transactions and the legal compliance of the Charity.

The Charity operates from the Bethel Convention Centre in West Bromwich. All branch churches are now registered independently. This Charity and independently registered charities, for financial administrative purposes, will continue to support Charity 10147717: this is through donations and national meetings but is under the same spiritual governance. The Charity also has ongoing contact with other overseas organisations operating under the Bethel name, especially during international convocations where donations are made to this Charity.

b. Methods of appointment or election 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, as stipulated in the amended constitution dated 16th December 2017. Trustees can but do not receive subsistence, that is, lunch allowances, but no other remuneration for the performance of their duties.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The Charity is managed, and its policies are directed, by the Board of Trustees, in consultation with the Board of Bishops. The Charity is structured as follows but is under review:

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Council of Elders
- General Secretary
- Assistant Secretary
- Voting Members
- Non-Voting Members

The Charity itself is made up of Individual Members, Voting Members and Non-Voting Members. Members who hold a current License, or are ordained in the Church, are Voting Members and have the right to vote on all matters about the Church. General Members have the right to vote only in relation to the dissolution of the Charity.

The title to the property belonging to the Charity is held by the Trustees listed on page 1.

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Trustees' Report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2025

Structure, governance and management (continued)

d. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

New Trustees will be encouraged to undergo a briefing on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Constitution, the committee and decision-making processes, the business plan and the recent financial performance of the Charity. The new Trustees will also be encouraged to meet key employees and other Trustees. Trustees are and will be encouraged to attend appropriate internal and external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

e. Financial risk management

The Trustees have the responsibility of assessing the major risks to which the Charity is exposed; in particular, those related to the operations and finances of the Charity. Trustees are currently reviewing the systems and procedures to ensure these are in place to mitigate our exposure to major risks. Trustees reviewing these risks are ongoing.

Plans for future periods

The Charity's longer-term strategy for beyond 2025 is to maintain its activities and, to achieve some growth. The trustees have continued to put measures in place to try and expand the areas in which the charity operates to achieve this. As such, the trustees believe the Charity to be a going concern and have adopted this assumption in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees are looking to incorporate Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic UK into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under the same name. The Trustees had commissioned Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP to prepare a draft constitution and make the application to the Charity Commission. The draft constitution is awaiting input from the Board of Bishops before voting on it. It was withdrawn from the AGM in 2024.

This decision to change the legal structure is based on the trustee's desire to take advantage of the separate legal personality and limited legal liability for trustees and the membership.

Because of the impact of COVID-19, in the short term, trustees adopted a volunteering support model for the day-to-day running of the Bethel Convention Centre. However, key permanent staff coupled with Zero hour contracts and volunteers are in place.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Trustees' Report (continued)**
For the year ended 31 March 2025

Statement of 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 law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Dains Audit Limited, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr G Pomell

Chair of Trustees

Date: 29 January 2026

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Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K. (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, 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 Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2025 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 Auditors' 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K. (continued)**

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' 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. 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 this gives rise to 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 (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; 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 require 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 which 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.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K. (continued)**

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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 Auditors' 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 the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the senior statutory auditor ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the Charity through discussions with Trustees and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the Charity, including the financial reporting legislation, Charities Act 2011, taxation legislation, anti-bribery, employment, and environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

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- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the Charity's legal advisors.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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 Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Charity and its Trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Signed by:

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Dains Audit Limited

Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants

Birmingham

29 January 2026

Dains Audit Limited are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 31 March 2025**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	514,637	514,637	470,856
Other trading activities	4	532,313	532,313	318,019
Investments	5	80,558	80,558	88,933
Total income		1,127,508	1,127,508	877,808
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	6	1,149,455	1,149,455	1,109,879
Total expenditure		1,149,455	1,149,455	1,109,879
Net expenditure before net gains on investments		(21,947)	(21,947)	(232,071)
Net gains on revaluation of investment properties		-	-	80,000
Net movement in funds before demergers		(21,947)	(21,947)	(152,071)
Demerger of branch churches to independent charities		-	-	(10,417)
Net movement in funds		(21,947)	(21,947)	(162,488)
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward	15	3,665,465	3,665,465	3,827,953
Net movement in funds		(21,947)	(21,947)	(162,488)
Total funds carried forward	15	3,643,518	3,643,518	3,665,465

The notes on pages 15 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.
Registered number:

Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	10	2,058,073	2,159,336
Investment property	11	1,452,000	1,452,000
		<u>3,510,073</u>	<u>3,611,336</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	12	56,483	46,948
Cash at bank and in hand		797,000	630,954
		<u>853,483</u>	<u>677,902</u>
Current liabilities			
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(329,086)	(623,773)
		<u>524,397</u>	<u>54,129</u>
Net current assets			
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	14	(390,952)	-
		<u>3,643,518</u>	<u>3,665,465</u>
Total net assets			
		<u>3,643,518</u>	<u>3,665,465</u>
Charity funds			
Unrestricted funds	15	3,643,518	3,665,465
		<u>3,643,518</u>	<u>3,665,465</u>
Total funds			
		<u>3,643,518</u>	<u>3,665,465</u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr G Pomell
Chair of Trustees

Date: 29 January 2026

The notes on pages 15 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 31 March 2025

	Note	2025 £	2024 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	17	298,198	(12,718)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(85,195)	(76,346)
Net cash used in investing activities		(85,195)	(76,346)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayments of borrowing		(46,957)	(32,417)
Net cash used in financing activities		(46,957)	(32,417)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		166,046	(121,481)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		630,954	752,435
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	18	797,000	630,954

The notes on pages 15 to 32 form part of these financial statements

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2025**

1. Accounting policies**1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K. meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Going concern

The Charity has reported a deficit for the year of £21,947 (2024 - deficit of £162,488) and at the balance sheet date had net current assets of £524,397 (2024 - £54,129).

The Trustees have prepared forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonable increases in letting performance, which show that the Charity should be able to operate within the levels of its current facility.

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. Thus, they consider that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)**1.3 Income**

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold.

Where the donated good is a fixed asset, it is measured at fair value, unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor should be used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset class and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the Charity's accounting policies.

On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Charity which is the amount it would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.6 Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold land	- not depreciated
Freehold property	- 3% straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 15-25% straight line

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

1.8 Investment properties

Investment property is carried at fair value determined annually by trustees and derived from the current market rents and investment property yields for comparable real estate, adjusted if necessary for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. No depreciation is provided. Changes in the fair value are recognised in the Statement of financial activities.

1.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)**1.11 Liabilities and provisions**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

1.12 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.13 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.14 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

1.15 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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2. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Critical areas of judgement:

Depreciation and residual values

The Trustees have reviewed the asset lives and associated residual values of all fixed asset classes and have concluded that asset lives and residual values are appropriate.

Valuation of investment properties

The Trustees have reviewed the valuation of each investment property and have concluded that the valuation is appropriate.

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Donations, offerings and tithes	514,637	514,637	470,856

4. Income from trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Convention Centre	532,313	532,313	318,019

5. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £	Total funds 2024 £
Rental income	79,597	79,597	88,933
Bank interest	961	961	-
	80,558	80,558	88,933

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6. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2025 £	Governance costs 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Church mission	320,188	3,220	323,408
Convention Centre	826,047	-	826,047
	1,146,235	3,220	1,149,455

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Governance costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Church mission	335,293	8,300	343,593
Convention Centre	766,286	-	766,286
	1,101,579	8,300	1,109,879

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	Church Mission 2025 £	Convention Centre 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Staff costs	-	177,427	177,427
Depreciation	-	186,458	186,458
Church Wages & Office Expenses	58,224	-	58,224
Office and administration	-	260	260
Convocational expenses	12,000	-	12,000
Donations	40,707	6,277	46,984
Food and direct purchases	-	28,153	28,153
Bank charges and interest	4	37,660	37,664
Marketing and publicity	-	22,216	22,216
Premises expenses	16,369	204,547	220,916
Equipment hire	-	33,398	33,398
Postage and stationery	116	4,286	4,402
Telephone	763	18,833	19,596
Other expenses	8,764	79,487	88,251
Repairs and maintenance	182,608	26,975	209,583
Motor and travel	-	18	18
Accountancy fees	-	8,390	8,390
Professional fees	633	38,571	39,204
Movement in bad debt provision	-	(46,909)	(46,909)
Total 2025	320,188	826,047	1,146,235

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	Church Mission 2024 £	Convention Centre 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Staff costs	-	122,140	122,140
Depreciation	-	176,185	176,185
Ministerial expenses	45,428	-	45,428
Office and administration	-	1,494	1,494
Convocational expenses	12,000	-	12,000
Donations	31,941	3,019	34,960
Books and equipment	-	60	60
Food and direct purchases	-	29,996	29,996
Bank charges and interest	-	54,640	54,640
Marketing and publicity	-	5,730	5,730
Premises expenses	13,210	182,602	195,812
Equipment hire	-	30,174	30,174
Postage and stationery	-	3,232	3,232
Telephone	726	14,278	15,004
Other expenses	13,178	44,591	57,769
Repairs and maintenance	209,802	19,920	229,722
Motor and travel	-	651	651
Accountancy fees	-	1,151	1,151
Professional fees	9,008	30,395	39,403
Movement in bad debt provision	-	46,028	46,028
Total 2024	335,293	766,286	1,101,579

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7. Net income/(expenditure)

This is stated after charging:

	2025 £	2024 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	186,458	176,185
Auditor's remuneration - audit	9,100	8,300

8. Staff costs

	2025 £	2024 £
Wages and salaries	168,031	114,141
Social security costs	6,370	6,413
Pension costs	3,026	1,586
	177,427	122,140

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2025 No.	2024 No.
Convention centre	13	10

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The total compensation received by the key management personnel of the Charity was £NIL (2024 - £NIL).

9. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2024 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2025, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2024 - £NIL).

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10. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and property £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2024	5,954,527	893,967	6,848,494
Additions	975	84,220	85,195
At 31 March 2025	5,955,502	978,187	6,933,689
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2024	3,895,046	794,112	4,689,158
Charge for the year	148,665	37,793	186,458
At 31 March 2025	4,043,711	831,905	4,875,616
Net book value			
At 31 March 2025	1,911,791	146,282	2,058,073
At 31 March 2024	2,059,481	99,855	2,159,336

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11. Investment property

	Freehold investment property £
Valuation	
At 1 April 2024	1,452,000
At 31 March 2025	1,452,000

The 2025 valuations were made by the Trustees on an open market value for existing use basis. In the opinion of the Trustees, the market value of the investment property is still materially correct at 31 March 2025.

12. Debtors

	2025 £	2024 £
Trade debtors	42,020	40,005
Other debtors	4,569	4,273
Prepayments and accrued income	9,894	2,670
	56,483	46,948

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13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank loan	73,009	510,918
Trade creditors	22,258	72,782
Other taxation and social security	20,015	13,762
Other creditors	46,492	6,143
Accruals and deferred income	167,312	20,168
	<u>329,086</u>	<u>623,773</u>

Bank loan security

The mortgage loan is secured via a first legal charge over the land and buildings at Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, West Bromwich. During the year, the Trustees renegotiated the repayment profile of the bank loan to be repaid over 10 years.

14. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank loan	390,952	-

The mortgage loan is secured via a first legal charge over the land and buildings at Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, West Bromwich.

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	Balance at 1 April 2024 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/(out) £	Balance at 31 March 2025 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Donations account	132,464	-	-	-	132,464
Fixed assets	2,159,336	-	(186,458)	85,195	2,058,073
	<u>2,291,800</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(186,458)</u>	<u>85,195</u>	<u>2,190,537</u>
General funds					
General Funds	<u>1,373,665</u>	<u>1,127,508</u>	<u>(962,997)</u>	<u>(85,195)</u>	<u>1,452,981</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u><u>3,665,465</u></u>	<u><u>1,127,508</u></u>	<u><u>(1,149,455)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>3,643,518</u></u>

Designated funds*Donations account*

This fund comprises cash held at bank to fund future mortgage loan repayments over the next 12 months, the capital element of which is held in creditors on the balance sheet.

Fixed assets

This fund represents amounts tied up in the tangible assets of the charity.

Restricted funds*Mortgage reserves*

Donations received to specifically assist the repayment of the mortgage liability.

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15. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/(out) £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds						
Designated funds						
Donations account	132,464	-	-	-	-	132,464
Fixed assets	2,269,592	-	(176,185)	65,929	-	2,159,336
	<u>2,402,056</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(176,185)</u>	<u>65,929</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,291,800</u>
General funds						
General Funds	<u>1,425,897</u>	<u>877,808</u>	<u>(933,694)</u>	<u>(65,929)</u>	<u>69,583</u>	<u>1,373,665</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u><u>3,827,953</u></u>	<u><u>877,808</u></u>	<u><u>(1,109,879)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>69,583</u></u>	<u><u>3,665,465</u></u>

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16. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2025 £	Total funds 2025 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,058,073	2,058,073
Investment property	1,452,000	1,452,000
Current assets	853,483	853,483
Creditors due within one year	(329,086)	(329,086)
Creditors due in more than one year	(390,952)	(390,952)
Total	3,643,518	3,643,518

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,159,336	2,159,336
Investment property	1,452,000	1,452,000
Current assets	677,902	677,902
Creditors due within one year	(623,773)	(623,773)
Total	3,665,465	3,665,465

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17. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2025 £	2024 £
Net expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(21,947)	(152,071)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	186,458	176,185
De-merger of branch churches to independent charities	-	(10,417)
Increase/(decrease) in debtors	(9,534)	26,961
Increase in creditors	143,221	26,624
Revaluation of investment properties	-	(80,000)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	298,198	(12,718)

18. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2025 £	2024 £
Cash in hand	797,000	630,954
Total cash and cash equivalents	797,000	630,954

19. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2024 £	Cash flows £	At 31 March 2025 £
Cash at bank and in hand	630,954	166,046	797,000
Debt due within 1 year	(510,918)	437,909	(73,009)
Debt due after 1 year	-	(390,952)	(390,952)
	120,036	213,003	333,039

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20. Pension commitments

The Charity operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to the fund and amounted to £3,026 (2024 - £1,586). Contributions totalling £670 (2024 - £NIL) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

21. Related party transactions

The Charity has not entered into any related party transaction during the year, nor are there any outstanding balances owing between related parties and the Charity at 31 March 2025.

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Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2024



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Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers
For the year ended 31 March 2024

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**Trustees' Report
For the year ended 31 March 2024**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Charity for the year 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The charity's main objective is to advance the Christian faith.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Achievements and performance

a. Review of activities

The charity is working in furtherance of its aims and objects, the following activities were undertaken during the noted financial year:

1. We continue to develop the ministry throughout the U.K working with other Bethel family of churches, who are registered independently. The individual members of independent branch churches remain individual voting and non-voting members of 1047717.
2. Annual 67th National convocation and other national department meetings, in person, occurred during the financial year which was well supported by members.
3. Supported Children's ministry i.e. Bethel United School of Youth (BUSY) during the national meeting. The Charity also supports Bethel treasured saints e.g. provision of free meals.
4. We continue our fundraising activities to facilitate the above activities as well as the maintenance of fixed assets.
5. Monthly repayments on the loan for BCC continue and negotiation to renew the loan continues.
6. The Conflict-of-Interest Policy remains relevant practically during trustees' meetings, etc.
7. Financial Controls & Expense Policies; and Fraud Risk Management Policy remain in place during the noted financial period.
8. Account reporting system continues to be monitored to maintain and or improve auditing; trustees have fully implemented Zero accounting software instead of sage.
9. The Charity submitted required corporation tax information via our accountants to HMRC.
10. Investment improvements, repairs continue to be made to Bethel Convention Centre, which is now valued at £4.330m
11. Branch churches registered independently, together with individual membership donations as well as income from national meetings and gift aid claims contributed towards monthly loan repayment. Capital outstanding loan, owed to Barclays Bank was £510, 917.83 as of 31st March 2024. The capital amount paid during the period was £24,831.10.

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**Trustees' Report (continued)
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Achievements and performance (continued)

12. Capital investment/repairs on BCC for the period was £76,349.16: these consisted of WIFI System, Building Roof repairs, Power wiring, office equipment, plumbing- sensor taps; Carpet, Auditorium seat and boilers-pipes. Income from BCC as well as from the above sources serves to finance the entire aims and objectives of the charity.

13. There are no branch churches remaining in the charity 1047717. However, trustees are in the process of transferring 2 Gibson Road assets together with gifting three houses bequeathed to 1047717.

14. Trustees are in the process of moving the legal structure of the Organisation from an Unincorporated to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

b. Investment policy and performance

The inflated cost of living, including high interest rates, impacts every stratum of society including the charity's Fundraising initiatives across the board. However, the charity's assets are available. The Charity has the core personnel for growth i.e. salespersons, general manager, and a bookkeeper.

Financial review

a. Going concern

The charity has reported a deficit for the year of £163488 (2023 - surplus of £242,585) and at the balance sheet date had net current assets of £54,129 (2023 - net current assets of £674,827).

Before and in March 2020 the spread of COVID-19 precipitated an unprecedented level of temporary closure to entities within the leisure and hospitality sector as well as religious organisations. As a result of these restrictions, branch churches were closed for a considerable period as well as the Bethel Convention Centre closing at the end of March 2020. These situations resulted in a significant reduction in income from 1st April 2020. Since the easing of restrictions within the leisure and hospitality sectors in May 2021, the Convention Centre has been able to utilise some of its capacity and hold Sunday service events and is slowly starting to facilitate external lettings.

The Trustees have prepared forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonable increases in letting performance, which show that the Charity should be able to operate within the levels of its current facility.

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. Thus, they consider that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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b. Reserves policy

The Trustees have established the level of reserves (that is those funds which are freely available) that the charity ought to have. Reserves are needed to ensure that the day to day operation of the charity can be sustained. The charity's policy is to try to maintain reserves to cover 6 months of unrestricted expenditure.

Movements in individual fund balances are given in note 16 and show closing reserves of £1,373,665 (2023 - £1,425,897) after allowance for designated funds and amounts tied up in fixed assets. This equates to roughly 15 months of unrestricted expenditure.

c. Principal funding

A detailed Statement of Financial Activities is set out on page 12 of the Financial Statements. A summary of the financial results of the charity is set out below.

During the year, the charity raised a total of £877,808 (2023 - £937,830) income before charitable expenditure. All of this income related to unrestricted funds and were raised through donations, tithed income, offerings, trading income, rental income and interest received.

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) UK was established in January 1986 and is governed by its constitution dated 29 May 1995, amended in 2004 and amended again on 16th December 2017. The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 4 July 1995 under Charity number 1047717.

The Charity has a new Spiritual Board called the Board of Bishops (BOBS), which is made up of Bishops. The BOBS replaced the National Ecclesiastical Council which had replaced the Spiritual governance role previously held by the Executive Board. This is referred to in the Charity's Constitution amended on 29 July 2004; 16 December 2017 and 4th February 2023). This is further explained in the minutes of the AGM which have been submitted to the Charity Commission.

The distinct separation of the Spiritual and legal components of the Charity is unique for the charity and for this reason, will be a working progress. Nevertheless, trustees remain accountable for all financial transactions and the legal compliance of the Charity.

The Charity operates from the Bethel Convention Centre in West Bromwich. All branch churches are now registered independently. This Charity and independently registered charities, for financial administrative purposes, will continue to support Charity 10147717: this is through donations and national meetings but is under the same spiritual governance. The Charity also has ongoing contact with other overseas organisations operating under the Bethel name, especially during international convocations where donations are made to this Charity.

b. Methods of appointment or election 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, as stipulated in the amended constitution dated 16th December 2017. Trustees can but do not receive subsistence, that is, lunch allowances, but no other remuneration for the performance of their duties.

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**Trustees' Report (continued)
For the year ended 31 March 2024**

Structure, governance and management (continued)

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The Charity is managed, and its policies are directed, by the Board of Trustees, in consultation with the Board of Bishops. The Charity is structured as follows but is under review:

Chair
Vice Chair
Council of Elders
General Secretary
Assistant Secretary
Voting Members
Non-Voting Members

The Charity itself is made up of Individual Members, Voting Members and Non-Voting Members. Members who hold a current License, or are ordained in the Church, are Voting Members and have the right to vote on all matters about the Church. General Members have the right to vote only in relation to the dissolution of the Charity.

The title to the property belonging to the Charity is held by the Trustees listed on page 1.

d. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

New Trustees will be encouraged to undergo a briefing on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Constitution, the committee and decision-making processes, the business plan and the recent financial performance of the Charity. The new Trustees will also be encouraged to meet key employees and other Trustees. Trustees are and will be encouraged to attend appropriate internal and external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

e. Financial risk management

The Trustees have the responsibility of assessing the major risks to which the charity is exposed; in particular, those related to the operations and finances of the charity. Trustees are currently reviewing the systems and procedures to ensure these are in place to mitigate our exposure to major risks. Trustees reviewing these risks are ongoing.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Trustees' Report (continued)
For the year ended 31 March 2024**

Plans for future periods

The Charity's longer-term strategy for beyond 2024 is to maintain its activities and, to achieve some growth. The trustees have continued to put measures in place to try and expand the areas in which the charity operates to achieve this. As such, the trustees believe the Charity to be a going concern and have adopted this assumption in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees are looking to incorporate Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic UK into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under the same name. The Trustees had commissioned Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP to prepare a draft constitution and make the application to the Charity Commission. The draft constitution is awaiting input from the Board of Bishops before voting on it. It was withdrawn from the AGM in 2024.

This decision to change the legal structure is based on the trustee's desire to take advantage of the separate legal personality and limited legal liability for trustees and the membership.

Because of the impact of COVID-19, in the short term, trustees adopted a volunteering support model for the day-to-day running of the Bethel Convention Centre. However, key permanent staff coupled with Zero hour contracts and volunteers are in place.

Statement of 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 law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Trustees' Report (continued)
For the year ended 31 March 2024

Disclosure of information to auditor

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditor is unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditor is aware of that information.

Auditor

The auditor, Dains Audit Limited, has indicated his willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditor at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 31 January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr G Pomell
Chair of Trustees

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K. (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, 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 Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2024 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K. (continued)

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. 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 this gives rise to 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 (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; 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 require 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 which 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.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.

Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K. (continued)

Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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 the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the senior statutory auditor ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with trustees and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the charity sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the Charity, including the financial reporting legislation, Charities Act 2011, taxation legislation, anti-bribery, employment, and environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in Note 2 were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K. (continued)

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the Charity's legal advisors.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditor's report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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 anyone other than the charity and its trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Signed by:

Dains Audit Limited

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Dains Audit Limited

Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants

Birmingham

31 January 2025

Dains Audit Limited are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 31 March 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	470,856	470,856	549,164
Charitable activities	4	-	-	92,960
Other trading activities	5	318,019	318,019	204,544
Investments	6	88,933	88,933	91,162
Total income		877,808	877,808	937,830
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		1,109,879	1,109,879	738,705
Total expenditure		1,109,879	1,109,879	738,705
Net (expenditure)/income before net gains on investments		(232,071)	(232,071)	199,125
Net gains on revaluation of investment properties		80,000	80,000	100,000
Net movement in funds before demergers		(152,071)	(152,071)	299,125
Demerger of branch churches to independent charities		(10,417)	(10,417)	(56,540)
Net movement in funds		(162,488)	(162,488)	242,585
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		3,827,953	3,827,953	3,585,368
Net movement in funds		(162,488)	(162,488)	242,585
Total funds carried forward		3,665,465	3,665,465	3,827,953

All income and expenditure in 2021 related to unrestricted funds.

The notes on pages 15 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.
Registered number:

Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	2,159,336	2,269,592
Investment property	12	1,452,000	1,372,000
		3,611,336	3,641,592
Current assets			
Debtors	13	46,948	73,909
Cash at bank and in hand		630,954	734,431
		677,902	808,340
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(623,773)	(133,513)
Net current assets		54,129	674,827
Total assets less current liabilities		3,665,465	4,316,419
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	-	(488,466)
Total net assets		3,665,465	3,827,953
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	16	-	-
Unrestricted funds	16	3,665,465	3,827,953
Total funds		3,665,465	3,827,953

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 31 January 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr G Pomell
Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 15 to 32 form part of these financial statements.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.

Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 31 March 2024

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	19	(12,718)	270,715
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(76,346)	(95)
Net cash used in investing activities		(76,346)	(95)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayments of borrowing		(32,417)	(94,709)
Net cash used in financing activities		(32,417)	(94,709)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(121,481)	175,911
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		752,435	576,524
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	20	630,954	752,435

The notes on pages 15 to 32 form part of these financial statements

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2024**

1. Accounting policies**1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K. meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Going concern

The charity has reported a deficit for the year of £162,488 (2023 - surplus of £242,585) and at the balance sheet date had net current assets of £54,129 (2023 - £674,827).

The Trustees have prepared forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonable increases in letting performance, which show that the Charity should be able to operate within the levels of its current facility.

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. Thus, they consider that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. Accounting policies (continued)**1.3 Income**

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold.

Where the donated good is a fixed asset, it is measured at fair value, unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor should be used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset class and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the Charity's accounting policies.

On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Charity which is the amount it would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.5 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

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For the year ended 31 March 2024

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.6 Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

1.7 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold land	- not depreciated
Freehold property	- 3% straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 15-25% straight line

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

1.8 Investment properties

Investment property is carried at fair value determined annually by trustees and derived from the current market rents and investment property yields for comparable real estate, adjusted if necessary for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. No depreciation is provided. Changes in the fair value are recognised in the Statement of financial activities.

1.9 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.10 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2024**

1. Accounting policies (continued)**1.11 Liabilities and provisions**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

1.12 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.13 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.14 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

1.15 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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2. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Critical areas of judgement:

Depreciation and residual values

The Trustees have reviewed the asset lives and associated residual values of all fixed asset classes and have concluded that asset lives and residual values are appropriate.

Valuation of investment properties

The Trustees have reviewed the valuation of each investment property and have concluded that the valuation is appropriate.

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3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations, offerings and tithes	470,856	470,856	549,164

4. Income from charitable activities

	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Religious events	-	92,960

5. Income from trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Convention Centre	318,019	318,019	204,544

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Rental income	88,933	88,933	91,162

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Governance costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Church mission	335,293	8,300	343,593
Convention Centre	766,286	-	766,286
	1,101,579	8,300	1,109,879

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Governance costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Church mission	159,072	7,700	166,772
Convention Centre	571,933	-	571,933
	731,005	7,700	738,705

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Church Mission 2024 £	Convention Centre 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Staff costs	-	122,140	122,140
Depreciation	-	176,185	176,185
Church Wages & Office Expenses	45,428	-	45,428
Office and administration	-	1,494	1,494
Convocational expenses	12,000	-	12,000
Donations	31,941	3,019	34,960
Books and equipment	-	60	60
Food and direct purchases	-	29,996	29,996
Bank charges and interest	-	54,640	54,640
Marketing and publicity	-	5,730	5,730
Premises expenses	13,210	182,602	195,812
Equipment hire	-	30,174	30,174
Postage and stationery	-	3,232	3,232
Telephone	726	14,278	15,004
Other expenses	13,178	90,619	103,797
Repairs and maintenance	209,802	19,920	229,722
Motor and travel	-	651	651
Accountancy fees	-	1,151	1,151
Professional fees	9,008	30,395	39,403
Total 2024	335,293	766,286	1,101,579

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2024****7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)****Analysis of direct costs (continued)**

	Church Mission 2023 £	Convention Centre 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Staff costs	-	47,343	47,343
Depreciation	22,679	141,143	163,822
Rent	210	-	210
Ministerial expenses	28,677	-	28,677
Office and administration	-	1,374	1,374
Convocational expenses	12,000	-	12,000
Donations	30,650	250	30,900
Food and direct purchases	-	21,775	21,775
Bank charges and interest	-	26,813	26,813
Marketing and publicity	-	9,287	9,287
Premises expenses	16,023	181,139	197,162
Equipment hire	-	28,349	28,349
Postage and stationery	-	619	619
Telephone	765	9,826	10,591
Other expenses	13,806	23,071	36,877
Repairs and maintenance	22,331	53,349	75,680
Motor and travel	-	3,000	3,000
Accountancy fees	-	353	353
Professional fees	11,931	24,242	36,173
Total 2023	159,072	571,933	731,005

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8. Net income/(expenditure)

This is stated after charging:

	2024 £	2023 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	176,185	163,822
Auditor’s remuneration - audit	8,300	7,700

9. Staff costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	114,141	47,217
Social security costs	6,413	-
Pension costs	1,586	126
	122,140	47,343

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Convention centre	10	5

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The total compensation received by the key management personnel of the charity was £Nil (2023 - £Nil).

10. Trustees’ remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2023 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2024, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2023 - £NIL).

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	Freehold land and property £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2023	5,974,467	817,621	6,792,088
Additions	-	76,346	76,346
Disposals	(19,940)	-	(19,940)
At 31 March 2024	5,954,527	893,967	6,848,494
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2023	3,754,743	767,753	4,522,496
Charge for the year	149,826	26,359	176,185
On disposals	(9,523)	-	(9,523)
At 31 March 2024	3,895,046	794,112	4,689,158
Net book value			
At 31 March 2024	2,059,481	99,855	2,159,336
At 31 March 2023	2,219,724	49,868	2,269,592

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12. Investment property

	Freehold investment property £
Valuation	
At 1 April 2023	1,372,000
Surplus on revaluation	80,000
At 31 March 2024	1,452,000

The 2024 valuations were made by the Trustees on an open market value for existing use basis. In the opinion of the Trustees, the market value of the investment property is still materially correct at 31 March 2024.

13. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	40,005	71,164
Other debtors	4,273	738
Prepayments and accrued income	2,670	2,007
	46,948	73,909

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14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans	510,918	47,282
Trade creditors	72,782	35,740
Other taxation and social security	13,762	15,728
Other creditors	6,143	2,000
Accruals and deferred income	20,168	32,763
	<u>623,773</u>	<u>133,513</u>

Bank loan security

The mortgage loan is secured via a first legal charge over the land and buildings at Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, West Bromwich.

Following the year end, the Trustees have renegotiated the repayment profile of the bank loan to be repaid over 10 year from 6th August 2024.

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans	-	488,466

From 1 July 2023 a 12-month variation of the bank loan commenced. Under this variation, £5,941 repayments were due monthly until August 2023, where repayments increased to £6,011 monthly. Interest is charged on the bank loan at a rate of 7.42% until August 2023 and 7.67% thereafter.

The mortgage loan is secured via a first legal charge over the land and buildings at Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, West Bromwich.

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16. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Unrestricted funds						
Designated funds						
Donations account	132,464	-	-	-	-	132,464
Fixed assets	2,269,592	-	(176,185)	65,929	-	2,159,336
	2,402,056	-	(176,185)	65,929	-	2,291,800
General funds						
General Funds	1,425,897	877,808	(933,694)	(65,929)	69,583	1,373,665
Total Unrestricted funds	3,827,953	877,808	(1,109,879)	-	69,583	3,665,465

Designated funds

Donations account

This fund comprises cash held at bank to fund future mortgage loan repayments over the next 12 months, the capital element of which is held in creditors on the balance sheet.

Fixed assets

This fund represents amounts tied up in the tangible assets of the charity.

Restricted funds

Mortgage reserves

Donations received to specifically assist the repayment of the mortgage liability.

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16. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds						
Designated funds						
Donations account	132,464	-	-	-	-	132,464
Fixed assets	2,433,319	-	(163,822)	95	-	2,269,592
	<u>2,565,783</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(163,822)</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,402,056</u>
General funds						
General Funds	<u>974,585</u>	<u>937,830</u>	<u>(574,883)</u>	<u>44,905</u>	<u>43,460</u>	<u>1,425,897</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>3,540,368</u>	<u>937,830</u>	<u>(738,705)</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>43,460</u>	<u>3,827,953</u>
Restricted funds						
Mortgage reserves	<u>45,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(45,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>3,585,368</u></u>	<u><u>937,830</u></u>	<u><u>(738,705)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>43,460</u></u>	<u><u>3,827,953</u></u>

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17. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2024 £
Designated funds	2,402,056	-	(176,185)	65,929	-	2,291,800
General funds	1,425,897	877,808	(933,694)	(65,929)	69,583	1,373,665
	<u>3,827,953</u>	<u>877,808</u>	<u>(1,109,879)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>69,583</u>	<u>3,665,465</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Designated funds	2,565,783	-	(163,822)	95	-	2,402,056
General funds	974,585	937,830	(574,883)	44,905	43,460	1,425,897
Restricted funds	45,000	-	-	(45,000)	-	-
	<u>3,585,368</u>	<u>937,830</u>	<u>(738,705)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,460</u>	<u>3,827,953</u>

18. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,159,336	2,159,336
Investment property	1,452,000	1,452,000
Current assets	677,902	677,902
Creditors due within one year	(623,773)	(623,773)
Total	<u>3,665,465</u>	<u>3,665,465</u>

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	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,269,592	2,269,592
Investment property	1,372,000	1,372,000
Current assets	808,340	808,340
Creditors due within one year	(133,513)	(133,513)
Creditors due in more than one year	(488,466)	(488,466)
Total	3,827,953	3,827,953

19. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2024 £	2023 £
Net income/expenditure for the period (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(152,071)	299,125
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	176,185	163,822
De-merger of branch churches to independent charities	(10,417)	(38,536)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	26,961	(42,283)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	26,624	(11,413)
Revaluation of investment properties	(80,000)	(100,000)
Net cash provided by/(used in) operating activities	(12,718)	270,715

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	2024 £	2023 £
Cash in hand	630,954	752,435
Total cash and cash equivalents	630,954	752,435

21. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2023 £	Cash flows £	Other non- cash changes £	At 31 March 2024 £
Cash at bank and in hand	734,431	(103,477)	-	630,954
Debt due within 1 year	(47,282)	24,830	(488,466)	(510,918)
Debt due after 1 year	(488,466)	-	488,466	-
	198,683	(78,647)	-	120,036

22. Pension commitments

The Charity operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to the fund and amounted to £1,586 (2023 - £126). Contributions totalling £Nil (2023 - £Nil) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

23. Related party transactions

The Charity has not entered into any related party transaction during the year, nor are there any outstanding balances owing between related parties and the Charity at 31 March 2024.

BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST APOSTOLIC U.K.

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Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2023



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**Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers
For the year ended 31 March 2023**

Trustees Mr G Pomell, Chair
Mr D Lewin, Treasurer
Mr R Narme
Mr J Smith
Mrs L Foster-Brooks
Mr G Whitter (resigned 4 February 2023)

Charity registered number 1047717

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Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.

Trustees' Report For the year ended 31 March 2023

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Charity for the year 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The charity's main objective is to advance the Christian faith.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Achievements and performance

a. Review of activities

The charity is working in furtherance of its aims and objects, the following activities were undertaken during the noted financial year:

1. We continue to develop the ministry throughout the UK working with other Bethel family of churches, who are registered independently;
2. National convocation and other national meetings, in person, occurred during the financial year, which was well supported by members;
3. We continue our fundraising activities to facilitate the above activities as well as the maintenance of fixed assets;
4. The financial situation of the charity continues to be negatively impacted by COVID-19; however, monthly repayments on the loan for BCC continue, and we have not missed a payment; there is 10 years remaining on the 15-year term. Several independently registered churches and individual members continue monthly contributions to pay off the loan on BCC which had an outstanding balance of c£535,000;
5. The Conflict of Interest Policy, updated December 2023, and is subject to ongoing reviews and is considered during trustees meetings;
6. Trustees and members amended its constitution, administratively dated 4th February 2023 in order to allow online trustees and members meetings, including AGMs. Administrative changes had been made to the existing Constitution which ensures individual members of branch churches registered independently can continue as voting members, under 1047717;
7. Financial Controls & Expense Policy; and, Fraud Risk Management Policy had been signed off dated 28 December 2020 and remained in place during the noted financial period;
8. The account reporting system continues to be monitored to maintain and or improve auditing; trustees have implemented Xero accounting software and discontinued the Sage software;
9. The Charity submitted the required corporation tax information via our accountants to HMRC, but we were not liable to pay such taxes;
10. Investments or improvements or repairs continue to be made to Bethel Convention Centre Site;
11. At the date of approval of these financial statements, there are no branch churches remaining in the charity 1047717: Southampton registered on 20th July 2022 and the last branch, Gibson Road, registered 8th December 2022;

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Achievements and performance (continued)

12. Trustees are in the process of moving the legal structure of the charity from an unincorporated charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO); and this process is not yet completed; and
13. Unqualified accounts continue to be achieved.

b. Investment policy and performance

The inflated cost of living, including high interest rates, impacts every stratum of society including the charity's Fundraising initiatives across the board. However, the charity's assets are available. The Charity has the core personnel for growth i.e. salespersons, general manager, and a bookkeeper.

Financial review**a. Going concern**

The charity has reported a surplus for the year of £242,585 (2022 - surplus of £32,760) and at the balance sheet date had net current assets of £674,827 (2022 - net current assets of £448,721). The charity has continued to make capital repayments on its bank loan of £94,709 this year.

Before and in March 2020 the spread of COVID-19 precipitated an unprecedented level of temporary closure to entities within the leisure and hospitality sector as well as religious organisations. As a result of these restrictions, branch churches were closed for a considerable period as well as the Bethel Convention Centre closing at the end of March 2020. These situations resulted in a significant reduction in income from 1st April 2020. Since the easing of restrictions within the leisure and hospitality sectors in May 2021, the Convention Centre has been able to utilise some of its capacity and hold Sunday service events and is slowly starting to facilitate external lettings.

The Trustees have prepared forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonable increases in letting performance, which show that the Charity should be able to operate within the levels of its current facility.

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. Thus, they consider that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. Reserves policy

The Trustees have established the level of reserves (that is those funds which are freely available) that the charity ought to have. Reserves are needed to ensure that the day to day operation of the charity can be sustained. The charity's policy is to try to maintain reserves to cover 6 months of unrestricted expenditure.

Movements in individual fund balances are given in note 16 and show closing reserves of £1,425,897 (2022 - £974,585) after allowance for designated funds and amounts tied up in fixed assets. This equates to roughly 15 months of unrestricted expenditure.

c. Principal funding

A detailed Statement of Financial Activities is set out on page 11 of the Financial Statements. A summary of the financial results of the charity is set out below.

During the year, the charity raised a total of £937,830 (2022 - £1,006,526) income before charitable expenditure. All of this income related to unrestricted funds and were raised through donations, tithed income, offerings, trading income, rental income and interest received.

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Trustees' Report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2023

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) UK was established in January 1986 and is governed by its constitution dated 29 May 1995, amended in 2004 and amended again on 16th December 2017. The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 4 July 1995 under Charity number 1047717.

The Charity has a new Spiritual Board called the Board of Bishops (BOBS), which is made up of Bishops. The BOBS replaced the National Ecclesiastical Council which had replaced the Spiritual governance role previously held by the Executive Board. This is referred to in the Charity's Constitution amended on 29 July 2004; 16 December 2017 and 4th February 2023). This is further explained in the minutes of the AGM which have been submitted to the Charity Commission.

The distinct separation of the Spiritual and legal components of the Charity is unique for the charity and for this reason, will be a working progress. Nevertheless, trustees remain accountable for all financial transactions and the legal compliance of the Charity.

The Charity operates from the Bethel Convention Centre in West Bromwich. All branch churches are now registered independently. This Charity and independently registered charities, for financial administrative purposes, will continue to support Charity 10147717: this is through donations and national meetings but is under the same spiritual governance. The Charity also has ongoing contact with other overseas organisations operating under the Bethel name, especially during international convocations where donations are made to this Charity.

b. Methods of appointment or election 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, as stipulated in the amended constitution dated 16th December 2017. Trustees can but do not receive subsistence, that is, lunch allowances, but no other remuneration for the performance of their duties.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The Charity is managed, and its policies are directed, by the Board of Trustees, in consultation with the Board of Bishops. The Charity is structured as follows but is under review:

Chair
Vice Chair
Council of Elders
General Secretary
Assistant Secretary
Voting Members
Non-Voting Members

The Charity itself is made up of Individual Members, Voting Members and Non-Voting Members. Members who hold a current License, or are ordained in the Church, are Voting Members and have the right to vote on all matters about the Church. General Members have the right to vote only in relation to the dissolution of the Charity.

The title to the property belonging to the Charity is held by the Trustees listed on page 1.

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Structure, governance and management (continued)**d. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees**

New Trustees will be encouraged to undergo a briefing on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Constitution, the committee and decision-making processes, the business plan and the recent financial performance of the Charity. The new Trustees will also be encouraged to meet key employees and other Trustees. Trustees are and will be encouraged to attend appropriate internal and external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

e. Financial risk management

The Trustees have the responsibility of assessing the major risks to which the charity is exposed; in particular, those related to the operations and finances of the charity. Trustees are currently reviewing the systems and procedures to ensure these are in place to mitigate our exposure to major risks. Trustees reviewing these risks are ongoing.

Plans for future periods

The Charity's longer-term strategy for beyond 2023 is to maintain its activities and, to achieve some growth. The trustees have continued to put measures in place to try and expand the areas in which the charity operates to achieve this. As such, the trustees believe the Charity to be a going concern and have adopted this assumption in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees are looking to incorporate Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic UK into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under the same name. The Trustees had commissioned Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP to prepare a draft constitution and make the application to the Charity Commission. The draft constitution is awaiting input from the Board of Bishops before voting on it. It was withdrawn from the AGM in 2023.

This decision to change the legal structure is based on the trustee's desire to take advantage of the separate legal personality and limited legal liability for trustees and the membership.

Because of the impact of COVID-19, in the short term, trustees adopted a volunteering support model for the day-to-day running of the Bethel Convention Centre. However, key permanent staff coupled with Zero hour contracts and volunteers are in place.

Statement of 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 law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

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Trustees' Report (continued)
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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities (continued)

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Dains Audit Limited, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on
09-Jan-24 | 5:02 PM GMT and signed on their behalf by:

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Gilbert Pomell

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Mr G Pomell

Chair of Trustees

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K. (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, 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 Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2023 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 Auditors' 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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.

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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' 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. 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 this gives rise to 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 (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; 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 require 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 which 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.

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(continued)**

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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 Auditors' 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 the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the senior statutory auditor ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with trustees and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the charity sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the Charity, including the financial reporting legislation, Charities Act 2011, taxation legislation, anti-bribery, employment, and environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in Note 2 were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

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In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

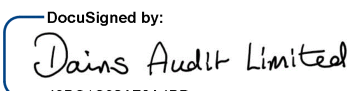
- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the Charity's legal advisors.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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 Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Dains Audit Limited

Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants

Birmingham

Date: 09-Jan-24 | 5:04 PM GMT

Dains Audit Limited are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 31 March 2023**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	549,164	-	549,164	765,938
Charitable activities	4	92,960	-	92,960	41,875
Other trading activities	5	204,544	-	204,544	114,533
Investments	6	91,162	-	91,162	84,180
Total income		937,830	-	937,830	1,006,526
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		738,705	-	738,705	993,852
Total expenditure		738,705	-	738,705	993,852
Net income before net gains on investments		199,125	-	199,125	12,674
Net gains on revaluation of investment properties		100,000	-	100,000	130,000
Net income		299,125	-	299,125	142,674
Transfers between funds	16	45,000	(45,000)	-	-
Net movement in funds before demergers		344,125	(45,000)	299,125	142,674
Demerger of branch churches to independent charities		(56,540)	-	(56,540)	(109,914)
Net movement in funds		287,585	(45,000)	242,585	32,760
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		3,540,368	45,000	3,585,368	3,552,608
Net movement in funds		287,585	(45,000)	242,585	32,760
Total funds carried forward		3,827,953	-	3,827,953	3,585,368

All income and expenditure in 2021 related to unrestricted funds.

The notes on pages 14 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	2,269,592	2,433,319
Investment property	12	1,372,000	1,272,000
		3,641,592	3,705,319
Current assets			
Debtors	13	73,909	31,626
Cash at bank and in hand		734,431	576,524
		808,340	608,150
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(133,513)	(159,429)
Net current assets		674,827	448,721
Total assets less current liabilities		4,316,419	4,154,040
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(488,466)	(568,672)
Total net assets		3,827,953	3,585,368
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	16	-	45,000
Unrestricted funds	16	3,827,953	3,540,368
Total funds		3,827,953	3,585,368

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 09-Jan-24 | 5:02 PM GMT and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr G Pomell
 Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 14 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 31 March 2023**

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	19	270,715	127,283
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(95)	(46,840)
Net cash used in investing activities		(95)	(46,840)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayments of borrowing		(94,709)	(96,169)
Net cash used in financing activities		(94,709)	(96,169)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		175,911	(15,726)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		576,524	592,250
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	20	752,435	576,524

The notes on pages 14 to 30 form part of these financial statements

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2023**

1. Accounting policies**1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K. meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Going concern

The charity has reported a surplus for the year of £242,585 (2022 - surplus of £32,760) and at the balance sheet date had net current assets of £674,827 (2022 - net current assets of £448,721). The charity has continued to make capital repayments on its bank loan of £94,709 this year.

The Trustees have prepared forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonable increases in letting performance, which show that the Charity should be able to operate within the levels of its current facility.

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. Thus, they consider that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 March 2023

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold.

Where the donated good is a fixed asset, it is measured at fair value, unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor should be used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset class and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the Charity's accounting policies.

On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Charity which is the amount it would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.5 Government grants

Government grants are credited to the Statement of financial activities as the related expenditure is incurred.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. Accounting policies (continued)**1.6 Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

1.7 Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

1.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold land	- not depreciated
Freehold property	- 3% straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 15-25% straight line

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

1.9 Investment properties

Investment property is carried at fair value determined annually by trustees and derived from the current market rents and investment property yields for comparable real estate, adjusted if necessary for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. No depreciation is provided. Changes in the fair value are recognised in the Statement of financial activities.

1.10 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.11 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2023**

1. Accounting policies (continued)**1.12 Liabilities and provisions**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

1.13 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.14 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.15 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

1.16 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2023****2. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement**

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Critical areas of judgement:

Depreciation and residual values

The Trustees have reviewed the asset lives and associated residual values of all fixed asset classes and have concluded that asset lives and residual values are appropriate.

Valuation of investment properties

The Trustees have reviewed the valuation of each investment property and have concluded that the valuation is appropriate.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations, offerings and tithes	549,164	-	549,164
	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations	668,095	66,700	734,795
Government grants	31,143	-	31,143
	699,238	66,700	765,938

In the prior year, the Charity was eligible to claim from the government support schemes in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The Charity furloughed certain staff under the Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) in 2022. The funding received of £31,143 relates to claims made in respect of the prior year. There was no government grant income in the current period.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2023****4. Income from charitable activities**

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Religious events	92,960	92,960	41,875

5. Income from trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Convention Centre	204,544	204,544	114,533

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Rental income	91,162	91,162	84,180

7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Governance costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Church mission	159,072	7,700	166,772
Convention Centre	571,933	-	571,933
	731,005	7,700	738,705

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For the year ended 31 March 2023****7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)**

	Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	Governance costs 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Church mission	374,172	6,825	380,997
Convention Centre	612,855	-	612,855
	<u>987,027</u>	<u>6,825</u>	<u>993,852</u>

Analysis of direct costs

	Church Mission 2023 £	Convention Centre 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Staff costs	-	47,343	47,343
Depreciation	22,679	141,143	163,822
Church Rent & Servicing	210	-	210
Church Wages & Office Expenses	28,677	-	28,677
Office and administration	-	1,374	1,374
Convocational expenses	12,000	-	12,000
Donations	30,650	250	30,900
Food and direct purchases	-	21,775	21,775
Bank charges and interest	-	26,813	26,813
Marketing and publicity	-	9,287	9,287
Premises expenses	16,023	181,139	197,162
Equipment hire	-	28,349	28,349
Postage and stationery	-	619	619
Telephone	765	9,826	10,591
Other expenses	13,806	23,071	36,877
Repairs and maintenance	22,331	53,349	75,680
Motor and travel	-	3,000	3,000
Accountancy fees	-	353	353
Professional fees	11,931	24,242	36,173
Total 2023	<u>159,072</u>	<u>571,933</u>	<u>731,005</u>

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2023****7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)****Analysis of direct costs (continued)**

	Church Mission 2022 £	Convention Centre 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Staff costs	-	202,981	202,981
Depreciation	21,825	141,223	163,048
Rent	48,750	-	48,750
Ministerial expenses	21,056	-	21,056
Office and administration	-	(424)	(424)
Convocational expenses	114,752	-	114,752
Donations	41,971	-	41,971
Books and equipment	2,956	-	2,956
Food and direct purchases	-	649	649
Bank charges and interest	638	24,531	25,169
Marketing and publicity	-	2,197	2,197
Premises expenses	39,123	124,995	164,118
Equipment hire	-	28,130	28,130
Postage and stationery	865	-	865
Telephone	1,479	12,448	13,927
Other expenses	50,355	11,410	61,765
Repairs and maintenance	19,265	25,405	44,670
Insurance	4,766	-	4,766
Accountancy fees	-	4,630	4,630
Professional fees	6,371	34,680	41,051
Total 2022	374,172	612,855	987,027

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2023****8. Net income/(expenditure)**

This is stated after charging:

	2023 £	2022 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	163,822	157,561
Auditor's remuneration - audit	7,700	6,825
Auditor's remuneration - other services	-	4,305
Operating lease costs	-	784
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9. Staff costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	47,217	195,893
Social security costs	-	5,274
Pension costs	126	1,814
	=====	=====
	47,343	202,981

The Charity paid statutory redundancy and PILON to its employees during the prior year. The redundancy costs amounted to £49,398 and are included within the wages and salaries figures above for 2022.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense in the statement of financial activities when the Charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

There were no termination benefits in the current period.

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Convention centre	5	16
	=====	=====

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The total compensation received by the key management personnel of the charity was £Nil (2022 - £Nil).

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2022 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2023, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2022 - £NIL).

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2023****11. Tangible fixed assets**

	Freehold land and property £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2022	5,974,467	817,526	6,791,993
Additions	-	95	95
At 31 March 2023	5,974,467	817,621	6,792,088
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2022	3,604,917	753,757	4,358,674
Charge for the year	149,826	13,996	163,822
At 31 March 2023	3,754,743	767,753	4,522,496
Net book value			
At 31 March 2023	2,219,724	49,868	2,269,592
At 31 March 2022	2,369,550	63,769	2,433,319

12. Investment property

	Freehold investment property £
Valuation	
At 1 April 2022	1,272,000
Surplus on revaluation	100,000
At 31 March 2023	1,372,000

The 2023 valuations were made by the Trustees on an open market value for existing use basis. In the opinion of the Trustees, the market value of the investment property is still materially correct at 31 March 2023.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2023****13. Debtors**

	2023 £	2022 £
Trade debtors	71,164	18,017
Other debtors	738	10,170
Prepayments and accrued income	2,007	3,439
	73,909	31,626

14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loans	47,282	61,785
Trade creditors	35,740	42,185
Other taxation and social security	15,728	10,215
Other creditors	2,000	5,383
Accruals and deferred income	32,763	39,861
	133,513	159,429

Bank loan security

The mortgage loan is secured via a first legal charge over the land and buildings at Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, West Bromwich.

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For the year ended 31 March 2023

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loans	488,466	568,672

From 1 July 2022 a 12-month variation of the bank loan commenced. Under this variation, £7,000 repayments are due monthly and interest is charged on the bank loan at a rate of 2.45% + LIBOR.

The mortgage loan is secured via a first legal charge over the land and buildings at Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, West Bromwich.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2023****16. Statement of funds****Statement of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Unrestricted funds						
Designated funds						
Donations account	132,464	-	-	-	-	132,464
Fixed assets	2,433,319	-	(163,822)	95	-	2,269,592
	<u>2,565,783</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(163,822)</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,402,056</u>
General funds						
General Funds	<u>974,585</u>	<u>937,830</u>	<u>(574,883)</u>	<u>44,905</u>	<u>43,460</u>	<u>1,425,897</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>3,540,368</u>	<u>937,830</u>	<u>(738,705)</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>43,460</u>	<u>3,827,953</u>
Restricted funds						
Mortgage reserves	<u>45,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(45,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>3,585,368</u></u>	<u><u>937,830</u></u>	<u><u>(738,705)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>43,460</u></u>	<u><u>3,827,953</u></u>

Designated funds*Donations account*

This fund comprises cash held at bank to fund future mortgage loan repayments over the next 12 months, the capital element of which is held in creditors on the balance sheet.

Fixed assets

This fund represents amounts tied up in the tangible assets of the charity.

Restricted funds*Mortgage reserves*

Donations received to specifically assist the repayment of the mortgage liability.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2023****16. Statement of funds (continued)****Statement of funds - prior year**

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds						
Designated funds						
Donations account	83,287	178,008	(18,831)	(110,000)	-	132,464
Fixed assets	2,549,527	-	(163,048)	46,840	-	2,433,319
	<u>2,632,814</u>	<u>178,008</u>	<u>(181,879)</u>	<u>(63,160)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,565,783</u>
General funds						
General Funds	<u>919,794</u>	<u>761,818</u>	<u>(811,973)</u>	<u>84,860</u>	<u>20,086</u>	<u>974,585</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>3,552,608</u>	<u>939,826</u>	<u>(993,852)</u>	<u>21,700</u>	<u>20,086</u>	<u>3,540,368</u>
Restricted funds						
Mortgage reserves	<u>-</u>	<u>66,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(21,700)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,000</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>3,552,608</u></u>	<u><u>1,006,526</u></u>	<u><u>(993,852)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>20,086</u></u>	<u><u>3,585,368</u></u>

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2023****17. Summary of funds****Summary of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 April 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2023 £
Designated funds	2,565,783	-	(163,822)	95	-	2,402,056
General funds	974,585	937,830	(574,883)	44,905	43,460	1,425,897
Restricted funds	45,000	-	-	(45,000)	-	-
	<u>3,585,368</u>	<u>937,830</u>	<u>(738,705)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,460</u>	<u>3,827,953</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Designated funds	2,632,814	178,008	(181,879)	(63,160)	-	2,565,783
General funds	919,794	761,818	(811,973)	84,860	20,086	974,585
Restricted funds	-	66,700	-	(21,700)	-	45,000
	<u>3,552,608</u>	<u>1,006,526</u>	<u>(993,852)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,086</u>	<u>3,585,368</u>

18. Analysis of net assets between funds**Analysis of net assets between funds - current year**

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,269,592	2,269,592
Investment property	1,372,000	1,372,000
Current assets	808,340	808,340
Creditors due within one year	(133,513)	(133,513)
Creditors due in more than one year	(488,466)	(488,466)
Total	<u>3,827,953</u>	<u>3,827,953</u>

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2023****18. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)****Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year**

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,433,319	-	2,433,319
Investment property	1,272,000	-	1,272,000
Current assets	563,150	45,000	608,150
Creditors due within one year	(159,429)	-	(159,429)
Creditors due in more than one year	(568,672)	-	(568,672)
Total	3,540,368	45,000	3,585,368

19. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	299,125	142,674
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	163,822	163,048
De-merger of branch churches to independent charities	(38,536)	(109,914)
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(42,283)	29,840
(Decrease)/Increase in creditors	(11,413)	31,635
Revaluation of investment properties	(100,000)	(130,000)
Net cash provided by operating activities	270,715	127,283

20. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash in hand	752,435	576,524
Total cash and cash equivalents	752,435	576,524

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2023****21. Analysis of changes in net debt**

	At 1 April 2022 £	Cash flows £	Other non- cash changes £	At 31 March 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	576,524	157,907	-	734,431
Debt due within 1 year	(61,785)	94,709	(80,206)	(47,282)
Debt due after 1 year	(568,672)	-	80,206	(488,466)
	<u>(53,933)</u>	<u>252,616</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>198,683</u>

22. Pension commitments

The Charity operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to the fund and amounted to £126 (2022 - £1,814). Contributions totalling £Nil (2022 - £Nil) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

23. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2023 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2023 £	2022 £
Not later than 1 year	-	784

24. Related party transactions

The Charity has not entered into any related party transaction during the year, nor are there any outstanding balances owing between related parties and the Charity at 31 March 2023.

BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST APOSTOLIC U.K.

England & Wales - Charity number 1047717

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Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2022



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**Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers
For the year ended 31 March 2022**

Trustees	Mr G Pomell, Chair Mr D Lewin, Treasurer Mr R Narme Mr J Smith Mrs L Foster-Brooks Mr G Whitter
Charity registered number	1047717
Principal office	Bethel Convention Centre Kelvin Way West Bromwich West Midlands B70 7JW
Independent auditors	Dains Audit Limited 15 Colmore Row Birmingham B3 2BH
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc Ground Floor 15 Colmore Row Birmingham B3 2BH
Solicitors	Clark Brookes Turner Cary Limited 3rd Floor Guardian House Cronehills Linkway West Bromwich B70 8GS

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.

Trustees' Report For the year ended 31 March 2022

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Charity for the year 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The charity's main objective is to advance the Christian faith.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Achievements and performance

a. Review of activities

The charity is working in furtherance of its aims and objects, the following activities were undertaken during the noted financial year:

1. We continue to develop the ministry throughout the U.K working with other Bethel family of churches, who are registered independently;
2. National convocation and other national meetings, in person, occurred during the financial year which was well support by members;
3. We continue our fundraising activities to facilitate the above activities as well as the maintenance of fixed assets;
4. The financial situation of the charity continues to be negatively impacted by Covid-19; however, monthly repayments on the loan for BCC continues;
5. Conflict of Interest Policy, updated March 2020, is subject to ongoing reviews and considered practically during trustees meetings; Covid 19 has impacted trustees in person meetings;
6. Financial Controls & Expense Policy; and, Fraud Risk Management Policy had been signed off dated 28 December 2020 and remained in place during the noted financial period;
7. Account reporting system continues to be monitored to maintain and or improve auditing; trustees have implemented Xero accounting software whilst tapering off sage;
8. The Charity submitted the required corporation tax information via our accountants to HMRC, but we were not liable to pay such taxes;
9. Material improvements, repairs continues to be made to Bethel Convention Centre (BCC);
10. Trustees had commenced a policy of all churches registering independently for financial administrative purposes but continued under Bethel Spiritual Leadership or Governance, historically known as National Ecclesiastical Council, but now Board of Bishops. All branch churches registered independently continue their monthly contributions to pay off the loan, which had an outstanding balance of £630,458 on 31st March 2022;
11. At the date of approval of these financial statements, there are no branch churches remaining in the charity 1047717: Southampton registered on 20th July 2022 and the last branch, Gibson Road, registered 8th December 2022;

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Trustees' Report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2022

Achievements and performance (continued)

12. Trustees are in the process of moving the legal structure of the charity from an unincorporated charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO); and
13. Unqualified accounts continue to be achieved.

b. Investment policy and performance

COVID-19 has negatively impacted the charity's Fundraising initiatives across the board. The charity's assets are available, despite cash flow challenges, which has led to layoffs during the period, whilst striving to fulfil its obligations.

Financial review

a. Going concern

The charity has reported a surplus for the year of £32,760 (2021 - surplus of £141,109) and at the balance sheet date had net current assets of £448,721 (2021 - net current assets of £540,625). The charity has continued to make capital repayments on its bank loan of £96,169 this year.

Before and in March 2020 the spread of COVID-19 precipitated an unprecedented level of temporary closure to entities within the leisure and hospitality sector as well as religious organisations. As a result of these restrictions, branch churches were closed for a considerable period as well as the Bethel Convention Centre closing at the end of March 2020. These situations resulted in a significant reduction in income from 1st April 2020. Since the easing of restrictions within the leisure and hospitality sectors in May 2021, the Convention Centre has been able to utilise some of its capacity and hold Sunday service events and is slowly starting to facilitate external lettings.

The Trustees have prepared forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonable increases in letting performance, which show that the Charity should be able to operate within the levels of its current facility.

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. Thus, they consider that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

b. Reserves policy

The Trustees have established the level of reserves (that is those funds which are freely available) that the charity ought to have. Reserves are needed to ensure that the day to day operation of the charity can be sustained. The charity's policy is to try to maintain reserves to cover 6 months of unrestricted expenditure.

Movements in individual fund balances are given in note 16 and show closing reserves of £974,585 (2021 - £919,794) after allowance for designated funds and amounts tied up in fixed assets. This equates to roughly 15 months of unrestricted expenditure.

c. Principal funding

A detailed Statement of Financial Activities is set out on page 11 of the Financial Statements. A summary of the financial results of the charity is set out below.

During the year, the charity raised a total of £1,006,526 (2021 - £716,956) income before charitable expenditure. All of this income related to unrestricted funds and were raised through donations, tithed income, offerings, trading income, rental income and interest received.

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Trustees' Report (continued) For the year ended 31 March 2022

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) UK was established in January 1986 and is governed by its constitution dated 29 May 1995, amended in 2004 and amended again on 16th December 2017. The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 4 July 1995 under Charity number 1047717.

The Charity has a new Spiritual Board called the National Ecclesiastical Council (NEC), which is made up of a Bishops and Overseers and designated Pastor (s). The NEC replaced the Spiritual governance role previously held by the Executive Board. This is referred to in the Charity's Constitution amended on the 29 July 2004 (and 16 December 2017). This is further explained in the minutes of the AGM which have been submitted to the Charity Commission.

The distinct separation of the Spiritual and legal components of the Charity is unique for the charity and for this reason will be a work in progress. Never-the-less, trustees remain ultimately accountable for all financial transactions and the legal compliance of the Charity.

The Charity operates from the Bethel Convention Centre in West Bromwich. Four (4) branch churches remains under its umbrella. However, the intention is that the remaining branch churches will register independently. This Charity and independently registered charities, for financial administrative purposes, will continue to support this Charity: this is through donations and national meetings but are under the same spiritual governance. The Charity also has ongoing contact with other overseas organisations operating under the Bethel name especially during international convocations where donations are made to this Charity.

b. Methods of appointment or election 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, as stipulated in the amended constitution dated 16th December 2017. Trustees can but didn't receive subsistence i.e. lunch allowances, but no other remuneration for the performance of their duties.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The Charity is managed, and its policies directed, by the Board of Trustees, which is supported by the NEC. The Charity is structured as follows but is under review:

Chair
Vice Chair

Council of Elders
General Secretary
Assistant Secretary
Voting Members
Non-Voting Members

The Charity itself is made up of General Members, Voting Members and Non-Voting Members. Members who hold a current License, or are ordained in the Church, are Voting Members and have the right to vote on all matters pertaining to the Church. General Members have the right to vote only in relation to the dissolution of the Charity.

The title to the property belonging to the Charity is held by the Trustees listed on page 1.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Trustees' Report (continued)
For the year ended 31 March 2022**

Structure, governance and management (continued)**d. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees**

New Trustees will be encouraged to undergo a briefing on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Constitution, the committee and decision-making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the Charity. The new Trustees will also be encouraged to meet key employees and other Trustees. Trustees are and will be encouraged to attend appropriate internal and external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

e. Financial risk management

The Trustees have the responsibility of assessing the major risks to which the charity is exposed; in particular, those related to the operations and finances of the charity. Trustees are currently reviewing the systems and procedures to ensure these are in place to mitigate our exposure to major risks. Trustees reviewing these risks are ongoing.

Plans for future periods

The Charity's longer-term strategy for beyond 2021 is to maintain its activities and ultimately, to achieve some growth. The trustees have continued to put measures in place to try and expand the areas in which the charity operates to achieve this. As such, the trustees believe the Charity to be a going concern and have adopted this assumption in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees are looking to incorporate Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic UK into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under the same name. The Trustees have commissioned Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP to prepare a draft constitution and make the application to the Charity Commission. The draft constitution will be put to the membership in February 2023 for a decision. This decision to change the legal structure is based on the trustee's desire to take advantage of the separate legal personality and limited legal liability for trustees.

Because of the impact of COVID-19, in the short-term, trustees have adopted a volunteering support model for the day to day running of the Bethel Convention Centre.

Statement of 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 law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

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Trustees' Report (continued)
For the year ended 31 March 2022

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities (continued)

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The Trustees, having been notified of the cessation of the partnership known as Dains LLP, resolved that Dains Audit Limited be appointed as successor auditor with effect from 1 April 2022. The auditors, Dains Audit Limited, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on
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Mr G Pomell

Chair of Trustees

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.

Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K. (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022 which comprise the Statement of financial activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, 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 Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 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 Auditors' 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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.

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Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K. (continued)

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' 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. 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 this gives rise to 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 (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; 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 require 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 which 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.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.
(continued)****Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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 Auditors' 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 the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the senior statutory auditor ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with trustees and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the charity sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the Charity, including the financial reporting legislation, Charities Act 2011, taxation legislation, anti-bribery, employment, and environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the Charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in Note 2 were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and

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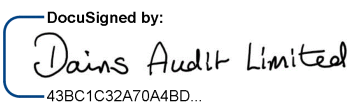
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the Charity's legal advisors.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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 Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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Dains Audit Limited

Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants

Birmingham

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Dains Audit Limited are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 31 March 2022**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	699,238	66,700	765,938	586,076
Charitable activities	4	41,875	-	41,875	36,946
Other trading activities	5	114,533	-	114,533	25,022
Investments	6	84,180	-	84,180	68,912
Total income		939,826	66,700	1,006,526	716,956
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities		993,852	-	993,852	780,589
Total expenditure		993,852	-	993,852	780,589
Net (expenditure)/income before net gains on investments		(54,026)	66,700	12,674	(63,633)
Net gains on revaluation of investment properties		130,000	-	130,000	204,742
Net income		75,974	66,700	142,674	141,109
Transfers between funds	16	21,700	(21,700)	-	-
Net movement in funds before demergers		97,674	45,000	142,674	141,109
Demerger of branch churches to independent charities		(109,914)	-	(109,914)	-
Net movement in funds		(12,240)	45,000	32,760	141,109
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		3,552,608	-	3,552,608	3,411,499
Net movement in funds		(12,240)	45,000	32,760	141,109
Total funds carried forward		3,540,368	45,000	3,585,368	3,552,608

All income and expenditure in 2021 related to unrestricted funds.

The notes on pages 14 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2022**

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	2,433,319	2,549,527
Investment property	12	1,272,000	1,142,000
		<u>3,705,319</u>	<u>3,691,527</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	13	31,626	61,466
Cash at bank and in hand		576,524	592,250
		<u>608,150</u>	<u>653,716</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(159,429)	(113,091)
Net current assets		<u>448,721</u>	<u>540,625</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>4,154,040</u>	<u>4,232,152</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(568,672)	(679,544)
Total net assets		<u><u>3,585,368</u></u>	<u><u>3,552,608</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	16	45,000	-
Unrestricted funds	16	3,540,368	3,552,608
Total funds		<u><u>3,585,368</u></u>	<u><u>3,552,608</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 23-Jan-23 | 2:55 PM GMT and signed on their behalf by:

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Mr G Pomell
 Chair of Trustees

The notes on pages 14 to 30 form part of these financial statements.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 31 March 2022**

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	19	<u>127,283</u>	<u>69,715</u>
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		<u>(46,840)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash (used in)/provided by investing activities		<u>(46,840)</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayments of borrowing		<u>(96,169)</u>	<u>(36,269)</u>
Net cash used in financing activities		<u>(96,169)</u>	<u>(36,269)</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		(15,726)	33,446
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		<u>592,250</u>	<u>558,804</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	20	<u><u>576,524</u></u>	<u><u>592,250</u></u>

The notes on pages 14 to 30 form part of these financial statements

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2022**

1. Accounting policies**1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K. meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Going concern

The charity has reported a surplus for the year of £32,760 (2021 - surplus of £141,109) and at the balance sheet date had net current assets of £448,721 (2021 - net current assets of £540,625). The charity has continued to make capital repayments on its bank loan of £96,169 this year.

Before and in March 2020 the spread of COVID-19 precipitated an unprecedented level of temporary closure to entities within the leisure and hospitality sector as well as religious organisations. As a result of these restrictions, branch churches were closed for a considerable period as well as the Bethel Convention Centre closing at the end of March 2020. These situations resulted in a significant reduction in income from 1st April 2020. Since the easing of restrictions within the leisure and hospitality sectors in May 2021, the Convention Centre has been able to utilise some of its capacity and hold Sunday service events and is slowly starting to facilitate external lettings.

The Trustees have prepared forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonable increases in letting performance, which show that the Charity should be able to operate within the levels of its current facility.

The Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for a period of at least 12 months from the date of approval of these financial statements. Thus, they consider that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.

Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended 31 March 2022

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold.

Where the donated good is a fixed asset, it is measured at fair value, unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor should be used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset class and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the Charity's accounting policies.

On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Charity which is the amount it would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.5 Government grants

Government grants are credited to the Statement of financial activities as the related expenditure is incurred.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2022**

1. Accounting policies (continued)**1.6 Interest receivable**

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

1.7 Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

1.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold land	- not depreciated
Freehold property	- 3% straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 15-25% straight line

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

1.9 Investment properties

Investment property is carried at fair value determined annually by trustees and derived from the current market rents and investment property yields for comparable real estate, adjusted if necessary for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. No depreciation is provided. Changes in the fair value are recognised in the Statement of financial activities.

1.10 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.11 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2022**

1. Accounting policies (continued)**1.12 Liabilities and provisions**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

1.13 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.14 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.15 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

1.16 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Charity for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2022****2. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement**

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Critical areas of judgement:

Depreciation and residual values

The Trustees have reviewed the asset lives and associated residual values of all fixed asset classes and have concluded that asset lives and residual values are appropriate.

Valuation of investment properties

The Trustees have reviewed the valuation of each investment property and have concluded that the valuation is appropriate.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations, offerings and tithes	668,095	66,700	734,795
Government grants	31,143	-	31,143
	<u>699,238</u>	<u>66,700</u>	<u>765,938</u>

The Charity has been eligible to claim from the government support schemes in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The Charity furloughed certain staff under the Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS). The funding received of £31,143 (2021 - £120,023) relates to claims made in respect of the year.

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Donations	466,053	466,053
Government grants	120,023	120,023
	<u>586,076</u>	<u>586,076</u>

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2022****4. Income from charitable activities**

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Religious events	41,875	41,875	36,946

5. Income from trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Convention Centre	114,533	114,533	25,022

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £	Total funds 2021 £
Rental income	84,180	84,180	68,870
Bank interest	-	-	42
	84,180	84,180	68,912

7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	Governance costs 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Church mission	374,172	6,825	380,997
Convention Centre	612,855	-	612,855
	987,027	6,825	993,852

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2022****7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)**

	Activities undertaken directly 2021 £	Governance costs 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Church mission	319,589	-	319,589
Convention Centre	454,500	6,500	461,000
	<u>774,089</u>	<u>6,500</u>	<u>780,589</u>

Analysis of direct costs

	Church Mission 2022 £	Convention Centre 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Staff costs	-	202,981	202,981
Depreciation	21,825	141,223	163,048
Church Rent & Servicing	48,750	-	48,750
Church Wages & Office Expenses	21,056	-	21,056
Office and administration	-	(424)	(424)
Convocational expenses	114,752	-	114,752
Donations	41,971	-	41,971
Books and equipment	2,956	-	2,956
Food and direct purchases	-	649	649
Bank charges and interest	638	24,531	25,169
Marketing and publicity	-	2,197	2,197
Premises expenses	39,123	124,995	164,118
Equipment hire	-	28,130	28,130
Postage and stationery	865	-	865
Telephone	1,479	12,448	13,927
Other expenses	50,355	11,410	61,765
Repairs and maintenance	19,265	25,405	44,670
Insurance	4,766	-	4,766
Accountancy fees	-	4,630	4,630
Professional fees	6,371	34,680	41,051
Total 2022	<u>374,172</u>	<u>612,855</u>	<u>987,027</u>

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2022****7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)****Analysis of direct costs (continued)**

	Church Mission 2021 £	Convention Centre 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Staff costs	-	171,594	171,594
Depreciation	15,991	141,013	157,004
Rent	32,100	-	32,100
Ministerial expenses	3,278	-	3,278
Office and administration	-	63	63
Convocational expenses	100	-	100
Donations	79,129	-	79,129
Food and direct purchases	-	202	202
Bank charges and interest	524	28,519	29,043
Marketing and publicity	-	5,174	5,174
Premises expenses	35,570	55,532	91,102
Equipment hire	-	12,421	12,421
Postage and stationery	452	-	452
Telephone	1,575	10,724	12,299
Other expenses	54,230	4,978	59,208
Repairs and maintenance	92,352	7,697	100,049
Insurance	4,085	-	4,085
Accountancy fees	-	7,210	7,210
Professional fees	203	9,373	9,576
Total 2021	319,589	454,500	774,089

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2022****8. Net income/(expenditure)**

This is stated after charging:

	2022 £	2021 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	157,561	157,004
Auditor's remuneration - audit	6,825	6,500
Auditor's remuneration - other services	4,305	6,900
Operating lease costs	784	1,890
	=====	=====

9. Staff costs

	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	195,893	161,776
Social security costs	5,274	7,730
Pension costs	1,814	2,088
	=====	=====
	202,981	171,594

The Charity paid statutory redundancy and PILON to its employees during the year. The redundancy costs amounted to £49,398 (2021 - £Nil) and are included within the wages and salaries figures above.

Termination benefits are recognised immediately as an expense in the statement of financial activities when the Charity is demonstrably committed to terminate the employment of an employee or to provide termination benefits.

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2022 No.	2021 No.
Convention centre	16	27
	=====	=====

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The total compensation received by the key management personnel of the charity was £Nil (2021 - £Nil).

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2021 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2022, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2021 - £NIL).

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2022****11. Tangible fixed assets**

	Freehold land and property £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2021	5,974,467	770,686	6,745,153
Additions	-	46,840	46,840
At 31 March 2022	<u>5,974,467</u>	<u>817,526</u>	<u>6,791,993</u>
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2021	3,455,092	740,534	4,195,626
Charge for the year	149,825	13,223	163,048
At 31 March 2022	<u>3,604,917</u>	<u>753,757</u>	<u>4,358,674</u>
Net book value			
At 31 March 2022	<u>2,369,550</u>	<u>63,769</u>	<u>2,433,319</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>2,519,375</u>	<u>30,152</u>	<u>2,549,527</u>

12. Investment property

	Freehold investment property £
Valuation	
At 1 April 2021	1,142,000
Surplus on revaluation	130,000
At 31 March 2022	<u>1,272,000</u>

The 2022 valuations were made by the Trustees on an open market value for existing use basis. In the opinion of the Trustees, the market value of the investment property is still materially correct at 31 March 2022.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2022****13. Debtors**

	2022 £	2021 £
Trade debtors	18,017	37,749
Other debtors	10,170	21,425
Prepayments and accrued income	3,439	2,292
	31,626	61,466

14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans	61,785	47,082
Trade creditors	42,185	15,105
Other taxation and social security	10,215	27,101
Other creditors	5,383	795
Accruals and deferred income	39,861	23,008
	159,429	113,091

Bank loan security

The mortgage loan is secured via a first legal charge over the land and buildings at Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, West Bromwich.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2022**

15. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans	568,672	679,544

The bank loan is repayable over the 3 months following the balance sheet date. Repayments of £5,858 are due monthly with the remaining balance repayment due in June 2022. Interest is charged on the bank loan at a fixed rate of 3.3%.

From 1 July 2022 a 12-month variation of the loan commenced. Under this variation, £7,000 repayments are due monthly and interest is charged on the bank loan at a rate of 2.45% + LIBOR.

The mortgage loan is secured via a first legal charge over the land and buildings at Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, West Bromwich.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2022****16. Statement of funds****Statement of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Unrestricted funds						
Designated funds						
Donations account	83,287	178,008	(18,831)	(110,000)	-	132,464
Fixed assets	2,549,527	-	(163,048)	46,840	-	2,433,319
	<u>2,632,814</u>	<u>178,008</u>	<u>(181,879)</u>	<u>(63,160)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,565,783</u>
General funds						
General Funds	<u>919,794</u>	<u>761,818</u>	<u>(811,973)</u>	<u>84,860</u>	<u>20,086</u>	<u>974,585</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u>3,552,608</u>	<u>939,826</u>	<u>(993,852)</u>	<u>21,700</u>	<u>20,086</u>	<u>3,540,368</u>
Restricted funds						
Mortgage reserves	<u>-</u>	<u>66,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(21,700)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,000</u>
Total of funds	<u><u>3,552,608</u></u>	<u><u>1,006,526</u></u>	<u><u>(993,852)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>20,086</u></u>	<u><u>3,585,368</u></u>

Designated funds*Donations account*

This fund comprises cash held at bank to fund future mortgage loan repayments over the next 12 months, the capital element of which is held in creditors on the balance sheet.

Fixed assets

This fund represents amounts tied up in the tangible assets of the charity.

Restricted funds*Mortgage reserves*

Donations received to specifically assist the repayment of the mortgage liability.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2022****16. Statement of funds (continued)****Statement of funds - prior year**

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds						
Designated funds						
Donations account	62,793	128,508	(26,515)	(81,499)	-	83,287
Fixed assets	2,706,531	-	(157,004)	-	-	2,549,527
	<u>2,769,324</u>	<u>128,508</u>	<u>(183,519)</u>	<u>(81,499)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,632,814</u>
General funds						
General Funds	<u>642,175</u>	<u>588,448</u>	<u>(597,070)</u>	<u>81,499</u>	<u>204,742</u>	<u>919,794</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u><u>3,411,499</u></u>	<u><u>716,956</u></u>	<u><u>(780,589)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>204,742</u></u>	<u><u>3,552,608</u></u>

17. Summary of funds**Summary of funds - current year**

	Balance at 1 April 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2022 £
Designated funds	<u>2,632,814</u>	<u>178,008</u>	<u>(181,879)</u>	<u>(63,160)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,565,783</u>
General funds	<u>919,794</u>	<u>761,818</u>	<u>(811,973)</u>	<u>84,860</u>	<u>20,086</u>	<u>974,585</u>
Restricted funds	<u>-</u>	<u>66,700</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(21,700)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>45,000</u>
	<u><u>3,552,608</u></u>	<u><u>1,006,526</u></u>	<u><u>(993,852)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>20,086</u></u>	<u><u>3,585,368</u></u>

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2022****17. Summary of funds (continued)****Summary of funds - prior year**

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Designated funds	2,769,324	128,508	(183,519)	(81,499)	-	2,632,814
General funds	642,175	588,448	(597,070)	81,499	204,742	919,794
	<u>3,411,499</u>	<u>716,956</u>	<u>(780,589)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>204,742</u>	<u>3,552,608</u>

18. Analysis of net assets between funds**Analysis of net assets between funds - current year**

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,433,319	-	2,433,319
Investment property	1,272,000	-	1,272,000
Current assets	563,150	45,000	608,150
Creditors due within one year	(159,429)	-	(159,429)
Creditors due in more than one year	(568,672)	-	(568,672)
Total	<u>3,540,368</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>3,585,368</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,549,527	2,549,527
Investment property	1,142,000	1,142,000
Current assets	653,716	653,716
Creditors due within one year	(113,091)	(113,091)
Creditors due in more than one year	(679,544)	(679,544)
Total	<u>3,552,608</u>	<u>3,552,608</u>

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2022****19. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities**

	2022 £	2021 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	142,674	141,109
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	163,048	157,004
De-merger of branch churches to independent charities	(109,914)	-
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	29,840	(1,726)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	31,635	(21,930)
Revaluation of investment properties	(130,000)	(204,742)
Net cash provided by operating activities	127,283	69,715

20. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2022 £	2021 £
Cash in hand	576,524	592,250
Total cash and cash equivalents	576,524	592,250

21. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2021 £	Cash flows £	Other non- cash changes £	At 31 March 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	592,250	(15,726)	-	576,524
Debt due within 1 year	(47,082)	96,169	(110,872)	(61,785)
Debt due after 1 year	(679,544)	-	110,872	(568,672)
	(134,376)	80,443	-	(53,933)

22. Pension commitments

The Charity operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to the fund and amounted to £1,814 (2021 - £2,088). Contributions totalling £Nil (2021 - £112) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.**Notes to the Financial Statements
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23. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2022 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Not later than 1 year	784	-
	<u><u>784</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>

24. Related party transactions

The Charity has not entered into any related party transaction during the year, nor are there any outstanding balances owing between related parties and the Charity at 31 March 2022.

25. Post balance sheet events

On 20 July 2022, the Southampton branch church left and formed the independent charity Bethel Apostolic Church Southampton (charity number: 1199725).

On 8 December 2022, the Gibson Road branch church left and formed the independent charity Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) 2 Gibson Road (charity number: 1201273).

BETHEL UNITED CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST APOSTOLIC U.K.

England & Wales - Charity number 1047717

Accounts

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

For the year ended 31 March 2021



Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.

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Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.

**Reference and Administrative Details of the Charity, its Trustees and Advisers
For the year ended 31 March 2021**

Trustees	Mr G Pomell, Chair Mr D Lewin, Treasurer Mr R Narme Mr J Smith Mrs L Foster-Brooks Mrs M Lawrence-Russell (resigned 16 December 2020) Mr G Whitter
Charity registered number	1047717
Principal office	Bethel Convention Centre Kelvin Way West Bromwich West Midlands B70 7JW
Independent auditors	Dains LLP 15 Colmore Row Birmingham B3 2BH
Bankers	Barclays Bank plc Ground Floor 15 Colmore Row Birmingham B3 2BH
Solicitors	Clark Brookes Turner Cary Limited 3rd Floor Guardian House Cronehills Linkway West Bromwich B70 8GS

**Trustees' Report
For the year ended 31 March 2021**

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Charity for the year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

Objectives and activities

a. Policies and objectives

The charity's main objective is to advance the Christian faith.

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

Achievements and performance

a. Review of activities

The charity is working in furtherance of its aims and objects, the following activities were undertaken during the noted financial year:

1. We continue to develop the ministry throughout the U.K working with other Bethel family of churches, who are registered independently;
2. National convocation meetings, in person & virtual attendance, occurred during the financial year but significantly in capacity;
3. We continue our fundraising activities to facilitate the above activities as well as the maintenance of fixed assets;
4. The financial situation of the charity is negatively impacted by Covid-19; however, monthly repayments on the loan for BCC continues;
5. Conflict of Interest Policy, updated March 2020, is subject to ongoing reviews;
6. Financial Controls & Expense Policy; and, Fraud Risk Management Policy had been signed off dated 28 December 2020 and remained in place during the noted financial period;
7. Account reporting system continues to be monitored to maintain and or improve auditing;
8. The Charity submitted required corporation tax information via our accountants to HMRC, but we were not liable to pay such taxes.
9. Material improvements, repairs continues to be made to Bethel Convention Centre (BCC);
10. Unqualified accounts achieved for the 3rd consecutive year.

b. Investment policy and performance

COVID-19 has negatively impacted the charity's Fundraising initiatives across the board. The charity's assets are available, despite cash flow challenges, which has led to layoffs during the period, whilst striving to fulfil its obligations.

Trustees' Report (continued)
For the year ended 31 March 2021

Financial review

a. Going concern

The charity has reported a surplus for the year of £141,109 (2020 - surplus of £58,894) and at the balance sheet date had net current assets of £540,625 (2020 - net current assets of £461,894). The charity has continued to make capital repayments on its bank loan of £58,747 this year. Following the remaining 15-month repayment period, considerations then will include significantly reducing the loan, paying it off, or renegotiating another 3-year period.

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The Trustees have prepared forecasts and projections, taking account of reasonably possible changes in trading performance as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, which show that the Charity should be able to operate within the levels of its current facility.

The Trustees have concluded that there exists a material uncertainty that may cast significant doubt upon the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. However, after making enquiries, they consider that it is appropriate to continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. These financial statements do not include any adjustments that might arise if the going concern basis for the preparation of the financial statements was not appropriate.

b. Reserves policy

The Trustees have established the level of reserves (that is those funds which are freely available) that the charity ought to have. Reserves are needed to ensure that the day to day operation of the charity can be sustained. The charity's policy is to try to maintain reserves to cover 6 months of unrestricted expenditure.

Movements in individual fund balances are given in note 16 and show closing reserves of £919,794 (2020 - £642,175) after allowance for designated funds and amounts tied up in fixed assets. This equates to roughly 15 months of unrestricted expenditure.

c. Principal funding

A detailed Statement of Financial Activities is set out on page 11 of the Financial Statements. A summary of the financial results of the charity is set out below.

During the year, the charity raised a total of £716,956 (2020 - £1,146,276) income before charitable expenditure. All of this income related to unrestricted funds and were raised through donations, tithed income, offerings, trading income, rental income and interest received.

Trustees' Report (continued)
For the year ended 31 March 2021

Structure, governance and management

a. Constitution

The Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ (Apostolic) UK was established in January 1986 and is governed by its constitution dated 29 May 1995, amended in 2004 and amended again on 16th December 2017. The Charity was registered with the Charity Commission on 4 July 1995 under Charity number 1047717.

The Charity has a new Spiritual Board called the National Ecclesiastical Council (NEC), which is made up of a Bishops and Overseers and designated Pastor (s). The NEC replaced the Spiritual governance role previously held by the Executive Board. This is referred to in the Charity's Constitution amended on the 29 July 2004 (and 16 December 2017). This is further explained in the minutes of the AGM which have been submitted to the Charity Commission.

The distinct separation of the Spiritual and legal components of the Charity is unique for the charity and for this reason will be a work in progress. Never-the-less, trustees remain ultimately accountable for all financial transactions and the legal compliance of the Charity.

The Charity operates from the Bethel Convention Centre in West Bromwich. Four (4) branch churches remains under its umbrella. However, the intention is that the remaining branch churches will register independently. This Charity and independently registered charities, for financial administrative purposes, will continue to support this Charity: this is through donations and national meetings but are under the same spiritual governance. The Charity also has ongoing contact with other overseas organisations operating under the Bethel name especially during international convocations where donations are made to this Charity.

b. Methods of appointment or election 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, as stipulated in the amended constitution dated 16th December 2017. Trustees can but didn't receive subsistence i.e. lunch allowances, but no other remuneration for the performance of their duties.

c. Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The Charity is managed, and its policies directed, by the Board of Trustees, which is supported by the NEC. The Charity is structured as follows but is under review:

Chair
Vice Chair

Council of Elders
General Secretary
Assistant Secretary
Voting Members
Non-Voting Members

The Charity itself is made up of General Members, Voting Members and Non-Voting Members. Members who hold a current License, or are ordained in the Church, are Voting Members and have the right to vote on all matters pertaining to the Church. General Members have the right to vote only in relation to the dissolution of the Charity.

The title to the property belonging to the Charity is held by the Trustees listed on page 1.

**Trustees' Report (continued)
For the year ended 31 March 2021**

Structure, governance and management (continued)

d. Policies adopted for the induction and training of Trustees

New Trustees will be encouraged to undergo a briefing on their legal obligations under charity and company law, the content of the Constitution, the committee and decision-making processes, the business plan and recent financial performance of the Charity. The new Trustees will also be encouraged to meet key employees and other Trustees. Trustees are and will be encouraged to attend appropriate internal and external training events where these will facilitate the undertaking of their role.

e. Financial risk management

The Trustees have the responsibility of assessing the major risks to which the charity is exposed; in particular, those related to the operations and finances of the charity. Trustees are currently reviewing the systems and procedures to ensure these are in place to mitigate our exposure to major risks. Trustees reviewing these risks are ongoing.

Plans for future periods

In the wake of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the UK government's decision to implement lockdown in March 2020 through September 2021: the trustees have taken appropriate action with the Charity continuing to operate, albeit at a reduced level which included the temporary closure of the Bethel Convention Centre, and a significant number of employees being placed "on furlough" with claims being made under the government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme but this ended on 31st September 2021. To manage diminishing cashflow, because of the ongoing impact of Covid-19 and its variants, on the hospitality sector: trustees, commenced restructuring to establish a volunteer's operations, which includes the process of redundancies of existing staff.

The Charity's longer-term strategy for beyond 2021 is to maintain its activities and ultimately, to achieve some growth. The trustees have continued to put measures in place to try and expand the areas in which the charity operates to achieve this. As such, the trustees believe the Charity to be a going concern and have adopted this assumption in preparing the financial statements.

The trustees are looking to incorporate Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic UK into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation under the same name. The Trustees have commissioned Anthony Collins Solicitors LLP to prepare a draft constitution and make the application to the Charity Commission. The draft constitution will be put to the membership in January 2022 for a decision. This decision to change the legal structure is based on the trustee's desire to take advantage of the separate legal personality and limited legal liability for trustees.

Because of the impact of COVID-19, in the short-term, trustees adopted a volunteering support model for the day to day running of the Bethel Convention Centre.

Statement of 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 law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;

Trustees' Report (continued)
For the year ended 31 March 2021

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities (continued)

- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Dains LLP, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 20 January 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr G Pomell
Chairman of the Board

Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K. (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 March 2021 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance sheet, the Statement of cash flows and the related notes, 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 Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 March 2021 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 Auditors' 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 United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council'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.

Material uncertainty related to going concern

We draw attention to note 1.2 in the financial statements, which indicates that the reduction of economic activity together with restrictions that have been placed on religious services and the leisure and hospitality sector has resulted in a significant reduction in income, that may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern. As stated in note 1.2, these events or conditions, along with the other matters as set forth in the note 1.2, indicate that a material uncertainty exists that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

**Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.
(continued)**

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' 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. 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 this gives rise to 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 (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; 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 require 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 which 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.

**Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.
(continued)**

Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

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 Auditors' 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 the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the senior statutory auditor ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the company, including the financial reporting legislation, Companies Act 2006, taxation legislation, anti-bribery, employment, and environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the company's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud; and
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates set out in Note 2 were indicative of potential bias; and
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions.

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims; and
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the company's legal advisors.

**Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.
(continued)**

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. 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 Auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its trustees, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Dains LLP

Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants

Birmingham

20 January 2022

Dains LLP are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.

**Statement of financial activities
For the year ended 31 March 2021**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	586,076	586,076	543,002
Charitable activities	4	36,946	36,946	349,308
Other trading activities	5	25,022	25,022	149,703
Investments	6	68,912	68,912	104,263
		716,956	716,956	1,146,276
Total income				
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities		780,589	780,589	1,087,382
		780,589	780,589	1,087,382
Total expenditure				
Net (expenditure)/income before net gains on investments		(63,633)	(63,633)	58,894
Net gains on revaluation of investment properties		204,742	204,742	-
		141,109	141,109	58,894
Net movement in funds				
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		3,411,499	3,411,499	3,352,605
Net movement in funds		141,109	141,109	58,894
		3,552,608	3,552,608	3,411,499
Total funds carried forward				

All income and expenditure in 2021 related to unrestricted funds.

The notes on pages 14 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K.

**Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2021**

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	11	2,549,527	2,706,531
Investment property	12	1,142,000	937,258
		3,691,527	3,643,789
Current assets			
Debtors	13	61,466	59,740
Cash at bank and in hand	20	592,250	558,804
		653,716	618,544
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(113,091)	(156,650)
Net current assets		540,625	461,894
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15	(679,544)	(694,184)
Total net assets		3,552,608	3,411,499
Charity funds			
Unrestricted funds	16	3,552,608	3,411,499
Total funds		3,552,608	3,411,499

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 20 January 2022 and signed on their behalf by:



Mr G Pomell
Chairman of the Board

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Statement of Cash Flows
For the year ended 31 March 2021

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Cash flows from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	19	69,715	151,477
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		-	(1,710)
Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities		-	(1,710)
Cash flows from financing activities			
Repayments of borrowing		(36,269)	(26,165)
Net cash used in financing activities		(36,269)	(26,165)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		33,446	123,602
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year		558,804	435,202
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	20	592,250	558,804

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2021**

1. Accounting policies

1.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Bethel United Church of Jesus Christ Apostolic U.K. meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

1.2 Going concern

The charity has reported a surplus for the year of £141,109 (2020 - surplus of £58,894) and at the balance sheet date had net current assets of £540,625 (2020 - net current assets of £461,894). The charity has continued to make capital repayments on its bank loan of £58,747 this year. Following the remaining 15-month repayment period, considerations then will include significantly reducing the loan, paying it off, or renegotiating another 3-year period.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2021**

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.3 Income

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold.

Where the donated good is a fixed asset, it is measured at fair value, unless it is impractical to measure this reliably, in which case the cost of the item to the donor should be used. The gain is recognised as income from donations and a corresponding amount is included in the appropriate fixed asset class and depreciated over the useful economic life in accordance with the Charity's accounting policies.

On receipt, donated professional services and facilities are recognised on the basis of the value of the gift to the Charity which is the amount it would have been willing to pay to obtain services or facilities of equivalent economic benefit on the open market; a corresponding amount is then recognised in expenditure in the period of receipt.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

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

1.4 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

1.5 Government grants

Government grants are credited to the Statement of financial activities as the related expenditure is incurred.

**Notes to the Financial Statements
For the year ended 31 March 2021**

1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.6 Interest receivable

Interest on funds held on deposit is included when receivable and the amount can be measured reliably by the Charity; this is normally upon notification of the interest paid or payable by the institution with whom the funds are deposited.

1.7 Taxation

The Charity is considered to pass the tests set out in Paragraph 1 Schedule 6 of the Finance Act 2010 and therefore it meets the definition of a charitable company for UK corporation tax purposes. Accordingly, the Charity is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income or capital gains received within categories covered by Chapter 3 Part 11 of the Corporation Tax Act 2010 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992, to the extent that such income or gains are applied exclusively to charitable purposes.

1.8 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold land	- not depreciated
Freehold property	- 3% straight line
Fixtures, fittings and equipment	- 15-25% straight line

The assets' residual values, useful lives and depreciation methods are reviewed, and adjusted prospectively if appropriate, or if there is an indication of a significant change since the last reporting date.

1.9 Investment properties

Investment property is carried at fair value determined annually by external valuers and derived from the current market rents and investment property yields for comparable real estate, adjusted if necessary for any difference in the nature, location or condition of the specific asset. No depreciation is provided. Changes in the fair value are recognised in the Statement of financial activities.

1.10 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

1.11 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

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1. Accounting policies (continued)

1.12 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

1.13 Financial instruments

The Charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

1.14 Operating leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of financial activities on a straight line basis over the lease term.

1.15 Pensions

The Charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme and the pension charge represents the amounts payable by the Charity to the fund in respect of the year.

1.16 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

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2. Critical accounting estimates and areas of judgement

Estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

Critical accounting estimates and assumptions:

The Charity makes estimates and assumptions concerning the future. The resulting accounting estimates and assumptions will, by definition, seldom equal the related actual results. The estimates and assumptions that have a significant risk of causing a material adjustment to the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities within the next financial year are discussed below.

Critical areas of judgement:

Depreciation and residual values

The Trustees have reviewed the asset lives and associated residual values of all fixed asset classes and have concluded that asset lives and residual values are appropriate.

Valuation of investment properties

The Trustees have reviewed the valuation of each investment property and have concluded that the valuation is appropriate.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Donations, offerings and tithes	466,053	466,053	543,002
Government grants	120,023	120,023	-
	<u>586,076</u>	<u>586,076</u>	<u>543,002</u>

The Charity has been eligible to claim from the government support schemes in response to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The Charity furloughed certain staff under the Government's Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS). The funding received of £120,023 relates to claims made in respect of the year.

4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Religious events	36,946	36,946	349,308
	<u>36,946</u>	<u>36,946</u>	<u>349,308</u>

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5. Income from trading activities

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Convention Centre	25,022	25,022	149,703
	<u>25,022</u>	<u>25,022</u>	<u>149,703</u>

6. Investment income

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £	Total funds 2020 £
Rental income	68,870	68,870	104,203
Bank interest	42	42	60
	<u>68,912</u>	<u>68,912</u>	<u>104,263</u>

7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2021 £	Governance costs 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Church mission	319,589	-	319,589
Convention Centre	454,500	6,500	461,000
	<u>774,089</u>	<u>6,500</u>	<u>780,589</u>

	Activities undertaken directly 2020 £	Governance costs 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Church mission	188,368	-	188,368
Convention Centre	892,514	6,500	899,014
	<u>1,080,882</u>	<u>6,500</u>	<u>1,087,382</u>

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs

	Church Mission 2021 £	Convention Centre 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Staff costs	-	171,594	171,594
Depreciation	15,991	141,013	157,004
Church Rent & Servicing	32,100	-	32,100
Church Wages & Office Expenses	3,278	-	3,278
Office and administration	-	63	63
Convocational expenses	100	-	100
Donations	79,129	-	79,129
Food and direct purchases	-	202	202
Bank charges and interest	524	28,519	29,043
Marketing and publicity	-	5,174	5,174
Premises expenses	35,570	55,532	91,102
Equipment hire	-	12,421	12,421
Postage and stationery	452	-	452
Telephone	1,575	10,724	12,299
Other expenses	54,230	4,978	59,208
Repairs and maintenance	92,352	7,697	100,049
Insurance	4,085	-	4,085
Accountancy fees	-	7,210	7,210
Professional fees	203	9,373	9,576
Total 2021	319,589	454,500	774,089

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7. Analysis of expenditure by activities (continued)

Analysis of direct costs (continued)

	Church Mission 2020 £	Convention Centre 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Staff costs	1,640	265,644	267,284
Depreciation	30,124	141,077	171,201
Rent	39,647	17,110	56,757
Ministerial expenses	35,675	-	35,675
Office and administration	-	1,535	1,535
Convocational expenses	12,062	-	12,062
Donations	20,171	20,239	40,410
Books and equipment	460	237	697
Food and direct purchases	-	37,021	37,021
Bank charges and interest	882	33,277	34,159
Marketing and publicity	-	29,433	29,433
Premises expenses	16,015	143,865	159,880
Equipment hire	-	60,419	60,419
Postage and stationery	943	4,753	5,696
Telephone	1,229	10,836	12,065
Other expenses	6,071	53,851	59,922
Repairs and maintenance	14,552	33,094	47,646
Insurance	6,397	-	6,397
Motor and travel	-	3,584	3,584
Accountancy fees	-	3,160	3,160
Professional fees	2,500	33,379	35,879
Total 2020	188,368	892,514	1,080,882

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8. Net income/(expenditure)

This is stated after charging:

	2021 £	2020 £
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	157,004	171,201
Auditor's remuneration - audit	6,500	6,500
Auditor's remuneration - other services	6,900	2,260
Operating lease costs	1,890	3,781
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9. Staff costs

	2021 £	2020 £
Wages and salaries	161,776	247,375
Social security costs	7,730	15,977
Pension costs	2,088	3,932
	=====	=====
	171,594	267,284

The average number of persons employed by the Charity during the year was as follows:

	2021 No.	2020 No.
Convention centre	27	21
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No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

The total compensation received by the key management personnel of the charity was £Nil (2020 - £Nil).

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

During the year, no Trustees received any remuneration or other benefits (2020 - £NIL).

During the year ended 31 March 2021, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2020 - £NIL).

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11. Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and property £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 April 2020	5,974,467	770,686	6,745,153
At 31 March 2021	5,974,467	770,686	6,745,153
Depreciation			
At 1 April 2020	3,305,266	733,356	4,038,622
Charge for the year	149,826	7,178	157,004
At 31 March 2021	3,455,092	740,534	4,195,626
Net book value			
At 31 March 2021	2,519,375	30,152	2,549,527
At 31 March 2020	2,669,201	37,330	2,706,531

12. Investment property

	Freehold investment property £
Valuation	
At 1 April 2020	937,258
Surplus on revaluation	204,742
At 31 March 2021	1,142,000

The 2021 valuations were made by the Trustees on an open market value for existing use basis. In the opinion of the Trustees, the market value of the investment property is still materially correct at 31 March 2021.

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13. Debtors

	2021 £	2020 £
Trade debtors	37,749	29,538
Other debtors	21,425	27,342
Prepayments and accrued income	2,292	2,860
	61,466	59,740

14. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans	47,082	68,711
Trade creditors	15,105	41,523
Other taxation and social security	27,101	24,937
Other creditors	795	112
Accruals and deferred income	23,008	21,367
	113,091	156,650

	2021 £	2020 £
Deferred income at 1 April 2020	6,136	11,689
Resources deferred during the year	-	6,136
Amounts released from previous periods	(6,136)	(11,689)
	-	6,136

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15. Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Bank loans	679,544	694,184

The bank loan is repayable over the 15 months following the balance sheet date. Repayments of £5,726 are due monthly with the remaining balance repayment due in June 2022. Interest is charged on the bank loan at a fixed rate of 3.3%.

The mortgage loan is secured via a first legal charge over the land and buildings at Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, West Bromwich.

16. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Unrestricted funds						
Designated funds						
Donations account	62,793	128,508	(26,515)	(81,499)	-	83,287
Fixed assets	2,706,531	-	(157,004)	-	-	2,549,527
	2,769,324	128,508	(183,519)	(81,499)	-	2,632,814
General funds						
General Funds	642,175	588,448	(597,070)	81,499	204,742	919,794
Total Unrestricted funds	3,411,499	716,956	(780,589)	-	204,742	3,552,608

Designated funds

Donations account

This fund comprises cash held at bank to fund future mortgage loan repayments over the next 12 months, the capital element of which is held in creditors on the balance sheet.

Fixed assets

This fund represents amounts tied up in the tangible assets of the charity.

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16. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
Unrestricted funds					
Designated funds					
Donations account	56,560	64,672	(32,274)	(26,165)	62,793
Fixed assets	3,008,280	-	(171,201)	(130,548)	2,706,531
	<u>3,064,840</u>	<u>64,672</u>	<u>(203,475)</u>	<u>(156,713)</u>	<u>2,769,324</u>
General funds					
General Funds	<u>287,765</u>	<u>1,081,604</u>	<u>(883,907)</u>	<u>156,713</u>	<u>642,175</u>
Total Unrestricted funds	<u><u>3,352,605</u></u>	<u><u>1,146,276</u></u>	<u><u>(1,087,382)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>3,411,499</u></u>

17. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 April 2020 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 March 2021 £
Designated funds	<u>2,769,324</u>	<u>128,508</u>	<u>(183,519)</u>	<u>(81,499)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,632,814</u>
General funds	<u>642,175</u>	<u>588,448</u>	<u>(597,070)</u>	<u>81,499</u>	<u>204,742</u>	<u>919,794</u>
	<u><u>3,411,499</u></u>	<u><u>716,956</u></u>	<u><u>(780,589)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>204,742</u></u>	<u><u>3,552,608</u></u>

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17. Summary of funds (continued)**Summary of funds - prior year**

	Balance at 1 April 2019 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Balance at 31 March 2020 £
Designated funds	3,064,840	64,672	(203,475)	(156,713)	2,769,324
General funds	287,765	1,081,604	(883,907)	156,713	642,175
	<u>3,352,605</u>	<u>1,146,276</u>	<u>(1,087,382)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,411,499</u>

18. Analysis of net assets between funds**Analysis of net assets between funds - current year**

	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Total funds 2021 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,549,527	2,549,527
Investment property	1,142,000	1,142,000
Current assets	653,716	653,716
Creditors due within one year	(113,091)	(113,091)
Creditors due in more than one year	(679,544)	(679,544)
Total	<u>3,552,608</u>	<u>3,552,608</u>

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2020 £	Total funds 2020 £
Tangible fixed assets	2,706,531	2,706,531
Investment property	937,258	937,258
Current assets	618,544	618,544
Creditors due within one year	(156,650)	(156,650)
Creditors due in more than one year	(694,184)	(694,184)
Total	<u>3,411,499</u>	<u>3,411,499</u>

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19. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2021 £	2020 £
Net income for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	141,109	58,894
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	157,004	171,201
Increase in debtors	(1,726)	(32,987)
Decrease in creditors excluding loans	(21,930)	(45,631)
Revaluation of investment properties	(204,742)	-
Net cash provided by operating activities	69,715	151,477

20. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2021 £	2020 £
Cash in hand	592,250	558,804
Total cash and cash equivalents	592,250	558,804

21. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 April 2020 £	Cash flows £	Other non- cash changes £	At 31 March 2021 £
Cash at bank and in hand	558,804	33,446	-	592,250
Bank and other loans under 1 year	(68,711)	6,989	14,640	(47,082)
Bank loan due after 1 year	(694,184)	-	14,640	(679,544)
	(204,091)	40,435	29,280	(134,376)

22. Pension commitments

The Charity operates a defined contributions pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Charity in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Charity to the fund and amounted to £2,088 (2020 - £3,932). Contributions totalling £112 (2020 - £112) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

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23. Operating lease commitments

At 31 March 2021 the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2021 £	2020 £
Not later than 1 year	-	1,890
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24. Related party transactions

The Charity has not entered into any related party transaction during the year, nor are there any outstanding balances owing between related parties and the Charity at 31 March 2021.