

## Unity Christian Centre Annual Report for C.C. 2023

The following report is to the Charity Commissioners and seeks to inform the commission of the status and activities of Unity Christian Centre, Registered Charity number: 1054318.

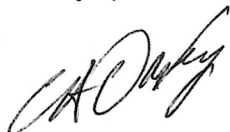
Unity Christian Centre has continued to abide by the Constitution/Management Document aligned for the purpose of the model deed of Assemblies of God Inc. There have been no serious incidents or safeguarding incidents, during the year, which require reporting. The pastor remains in good standing with Assemblies of God (AoG) which is reviewed and renewed annually, and has had his DBS certified by them as meeting the requirements of their bylaws. The church continued to serve its members, and the community, by upholding the Holy Scriptures through regular meetings and events which are open to both members, and the general public. The Church have moved into their new building where it is open to the public for worship services, community events etc. ensuring that we provide a safe environment for children to develop healthy friendships without negative peer pressure; at the same time as learning about faith and social values through play, discussion and learning. We hold talks on many issues that these children face e.g. bullying, peer pressure; bereavement, internet safety, to name a few. We are looking to continue and expand these activities as we touch base with and make ourselves better known to the community in Houghton Regis, and hope to engage with the homeless community in the coming months.

Communal groups exist for adults to socialise in their respective gender groups or together and involve organised sports activities and dialogue ranging from cars to politics and current affairs. The church also supports literacy and numeracy in these groups for any person or persons needing this support; this may involve help with job applications or general form filling. The pastor offers marriage and relationship counselling or help with mediation in family disputes. All these activities are open to members or non-members and are accessible to the general public. The building is now registered for marriages.

Unity Christian Centre welcomes all people who desire to find faith in God or to grow in their relationship with Him, within the church. We believe that a personal relationship with Jesus is the only way to heaven. There is much comfort to be brought to the community from the Scriptures, particularly at times of bereavement, homelessness, unemployment, mental health issues or personal stress. The church sees its role as displaying the love of God to all people, regardless of age; gender, race, religion, disability, sexuality or other social status. We believe that we have a mandate to support the multi-faceted problems that a diverse culture, which Houghton Regis encompasses. The church has various departments and volunteers which support the vision. We uphold and promote British values through our church, children and young people's work, Sunday school programme and general performance and we are committed to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. The structure, governance and management remain unaltered, and the church and departments look to build up reserves to benefit the public.

Signed by C A. Oakey, (Chair of Trustees) and approved by the trustees.

19th June 2024



# UNITY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

## LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

### Trustees:

Christopher Oakey, Chair  
Steve Oakey  
Mark Muambo  
Edson Jones, Treasurer

### Secretary:

Nicola Garner

### Registered No:

1054318

### Registered Office:

Unity Christian Centre  
70 High Street  
Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire  
LU5 5BJ

These accounts were approved and signed by:



Chris Oakey, Chair

Date:

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**Report and Financial Statements**

**31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

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**Date:**

# UNITY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

## Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023.

## Respective responsibilities of the trustee and examiner

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act") and consider that the audit requirement of section 144 (1) does not apply.

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act. The Trust does not meet to the requirements for an audit.

## Basis of the Independent Examiner's Report

The report is in respect of the examination carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in accordance with the directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity Trustees and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes a review of the accounts and making such enquiries as are necessary for the purpose of this report. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required by an audit, and consequently, I do not express an opinion on the accounts.

## Independent Examiner's Statements

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Samantha Bovell, FCCA

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024

# UNITY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023

### 1. Principal Accounting Policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and reflects the requirements of the SORP on Accounting and Reporting by Charities and applicable accounting standards, where appropriate.

#### a) Income

The major sources of income are tithes, offerings, gift aid, and local authority grants to help finance the activities of the church and academy (restrictive income). Fee income is related to recovered outstanding balances and is stated gross in the year received.

#### b) Taxation

The Unity Christian Centre is not registered for VAT.

### 2. Constitution

These accounts are the accounts of Unity Christian Centre, a registered Charity (no. 1054318).

## UNITY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

### Reconciliation - Movement of funds on Barclay's Bank For 12 Months ended 31st December 2023

	2023	2022
	£	£
<b>Opening balance as at 01 January</b>	<b>37,877</b>	<b>910,633</b>
<u>Income</u>		
Tithes & Offerings - Transfers	31,453	28,027
Tithes & Offerings - Cash	2,279	7,225
Gift Aid - AOG	13,180	-
LPCCA Academy Fees*	9,885	-
Other	-	150
Total income	<u>56,797</u>	<u>35,402</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Purchase of church building	2,455	840,780
AOG Head office	919	480
Computer expenses	-	87
Office expenses	3,393	5,335
Storage costs	1,138	1,221
Motor and transportation expenses	909	607
Insurance	3,027	2,904
Staff costs	39,268	42,945
Professional, legal and consulting fees	800	2,420
Rents	960	2,060
LPCCA Academy costs*	7,791	8,496
Sundry	1,981	823
Total expenditure	<u>62,641</u>	<u>908,159</u>
<b>Net movement</b>	<b>- 5,843</b>	<b>- 872,756</b>
<b>Closing balance as at 31 December</b>	<b><u>32,034</u></b>	<b><u>37,877</u></b>

\* LPCCA Academy fees and costs include exceptional income of £9,885 for outstanding fees and costs of £4,269 related to banking and recovery charges.



## **Trustees' approval statement**

**For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023**

We the Trustees of Unity Christian Centre have considered the Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 prepared by the treasurer of Unity Christian Centre. The Trustees approved this statement at their duly convened meeting on the \_\_\_\_\_.

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**Christopher Oakey, Chair**