

THE FULL GOSPEL HALL
TRUSTEES REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

Objectives and Activities.

The prime object of the Assembly (Charity) is the advancement of the Christian Religion by the proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel of God concerning His Son Jesus Christ the Lord and the preaching and teaching of the Word of God by the Church in accordance with the Statement of Fundamental Truths of the Assemblies of God Incorporated.

Apart from the search for a full-time Pastor; our priority for this year was to continue to focus on our stated aim, that is to be a light in the community, whilst considering the Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we endeavour to encourage people to live out their faith as part of the Assembly through:

Worship and prayer, learning about the gospel; and developing their personal knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Provision of pastoral care for people known to have problems

Missionary and outreach work.

Achievements and Performance.

Worship and Prayer.

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic brought with it the Government imposed constraints that, in spite of the work done to make the Church building "Covid safe", made it necessary to cancel the normal gatherings from 23rd February 2020. However, we quickly set up the facility to transmit the main Sunday service using Zoom. A similar system was used for the prayer meeting on Monday evening.

Presently there are 92 persons on the church membership register and, since we have not been able to review the Membership, this number will be carried over to next year.

In normal times we would enable the fellowship to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of their journey through life. Through the dedication of infants we thank God for the gift of life, through baptism the candidates witness their faith in Jesus Christ, in marriage public vows are exchanged with God's blessing and through funeral services friends and family express their grief whilst giving thanks for the life of the person now committed to God's keeping. During the year we held or attended seven funerals.

Pastoral Care.

Rev. Patricia John, in her capacity of Interim Leader continued to oversee the pastoral care of the church, the Church Council continued to meet monthly using Zoom. The youth leader, Eric Boateng kept the Youth group functioning using Zoom.

Those members of the Assembly who were unable to access the services virtually were contacted regularly by telephone to ensure their safety and connect them with Assembly life.

Mission and Evangelism.

Helping those in need is an evidence of our faith and we provide financial support to organisations that supply food and clothing and for the Social and Educational needs of Adults and Children in those parts of the world affected by natural disasters, national unrest and famine. Knowing that needs exist in the area local to the Assembly, all the non-perishable foods brought to the annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service are donated to the Renewal Refugee and Migrant Project (RAMP) who provide a support service for those seeking asylum or are otherwise outside the Social Service's umbrella.

Ecumenical Relationships.

The Assembly is an associate of the Newham Christian Fellowship. It is also in fellowship with the Assemblies of God Incorporated and benefits from its advice and assistance, the annual subscription is 3% of the unrestricted income received in the previous year.

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Financial Review:

The Church is dependent for its day to day running on the financial support of its Members and Congregation and during 2020 income from direct giving was below our budget expectations.

As can be seen from the Statement of Accounts, due to the closure of the church, the income was lower than that in previous years but we have been able to cover the liabilities. The total receipts of tithes and offerings were £39,969.00; restricted donations of £596.00 were also received and are detailed in the Financial Statements. Tithes and offerings by the Gift Aid scheme were down slightly and this resulted in the drop in tax recovered. One of the freehold flats in the house adjacent to the church continues to be let on a short-hold agreement, which provided a gross income of £2,828. With the first floor flat empty, the opportunity was taken to carry out the repairs and decoration.

During the year we were able to give financial support of £2,100.00 to Missionary Societies and Social and educational Charitable Organisations.

With reference to the Suspense Account, it has been noted that there are some errors in the previous years' accounts that are still being checked.

Apart from the cost of the Website the church had no fund raising or advertising costs in the year.

Reserves Policy.

The CC has considered the level of reserves they wish to retain appropriate to the Assembly's needs. This is based on the Assembly's size and the level of commitments held. The CC aim to ensure that the Assembly will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income. The Property Fund is designated to provide for the future joint purchase of a manse in the event that an incoming Minister requires assistance in purchasing a house. In reviewing the cost of housing in the Borough it will be necessary to increase the amount held in the fund. The CC will endeavour not to 'sit' on funds unnecessarily.

Staff & Volunteers.

The Church employs a part-time Youth Leader and five part-time Cleaners. The achievements of the past year are due to the continuing voluntary help of the Members in the various departments of the work.

No remuneration was received by the Trustees other than the out of pocket expenses disclosed in the accounts and no material transaction took place between the Church and a Trustee or any person connected with any of them. The cost of maintenance and improvements to the Property is met from Gifts in Kind and Income from the General and Property Fund.

Property.

The Assembly property is freehold and held in trust by the Holding Trustees and consists of five persons. However, there is presently one position vacant. The Holding Trustees are appointed by and are responsible to the Church Council.

The Holding Trustees are:

Mrs Christine Agyemang-Badu
Mr Felix Baptiste
Mrs Betty Duckett
Mr Branford B. Yeboah

Reference & Administrative details

The **Full Gospel Hall** is a Registered Charity number **1054391** and is situated in East Ham in the London Borough of Newham. It is in Fellowship with the Assemblies of God.

The principal address is **91, Plashet Grove, East Ham, London, E6 1AA.**

The **primary bankers** are HSBC Bank plc. 118, High Street North, East Ham, London E6 2HX.

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Structure, governance and management.

The Governing document is a Deed of Trust and the Trust is unincorporated. Whilst reviewing the governance of the Assembly the attention of the CC was drawn to the fact that the document is out of date, the model deed having been revised by the Assemblies of God. It was decided to engage Geldards, the AOG Solicitors, to prepare a new document for the Full Gospel Hall. This is now in hand and is due to be completed early in 2021.

For the present, the method of appointment of Church Council Members is set out in the Constitution adopted 8th April 1995. During the year the membership of the Church Council was strengthened by the addition of four persons. The Church Council members are responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the Assembly including deciding on how the funds of the Assembly are to be spent.

The Church Council Members are:

Interim Lead Pastor Patricia John
Mr P. J. Jenkins
Mr B.B.Yeboah
Mr F.A. Kuagbela

Miss Valerie Robinson
Mr E. A. Boateng
Ms Hanan Alamy
Mr J. Ogundele

There are presently five persons serving as Deacons. The membership of the Deaconate is by nomination and election by those who are full members of the Assembly. All those who attend the services regularly are encouraged to apply for membership and take an active role in the life of the Assembly.

The members of the Deaconate are:

Mrs Ada Adu
Mr Amos Ndubuisy
Mr Kayode Olowfila

Mr James Iziegbe
Mrs Betty Duckett

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Names of the Charity Trustees who manage the Charity:

Acting Pastor	Rev. Mrs Patricia John
Secretary	Mr Percy J. Jenkins
Treasurer	Mr Francis Kuagbela
	Mr Branford B. Yeboah

TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The Charities Act 1993 requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the trust and of the surplus of the trust for that period. In preparing those financial statements the trustees are required to:

- i) Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently
- ii) Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- iii) Prepare financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Trust will continue in existence.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Trust and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Declarations.

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees'

Signature	Francis Kuagbela.....
Full name:	Francis Kuagbela
Position:	Treasurer
Date:	16 th October 2021

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020 £	Total 2019 £
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Voluntary Income	3a	50,031 *	-	689 *	50,719	109,434
Activities for Generating Funds	3b	2,828 *		37 *	2,865	5,046
Investment Income Receipts	3c	3,707 *	-		3,707	4,190
Other Income Resources	3d	2,227 *			2,227	2,232
TOTAL INCOME RESOURCES		58,793	-	726	59,519	120,902
RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Cost of Charitable Activities	4a	51,571 *	- *	3,098 *	54,669	100,451
Governance Costs	4b	12,972 *	- *	- *	12,972	6,846
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED		64,544	-	3,098	67,642	107,297
NET INCOMING (OUTGOING) RESOURCE	-	5,751	-	-	2,372	-
Total Funds Brought Forward		1,451,343	90,952	1,466	1,543,761	1,543,761
Transfer of Funds	-	1,756 *	-	1,756 *	-	-
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		1,443,836	90,952	850	1,535,638	1,557,366

Movements on all reserves and all recognized gains and losses are shown above. All of the organization's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 6 to 12 forms part of these financial statements.

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Date: 26th November 2021

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
FULL GOSPEL HALL - ASSEMBLIES OF GOD.**

We have reported on the accounts of the Full Gospel Hall Assemblies of God for the year ended 31st December 2020 which are set out on pages 5 to 13.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and Independent examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year account under section 144(2) of the charity's Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed:

It is our responsibility to:

1. examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act.
2. to follow the procedures laid down in General Directions given by the Charity Commissions under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
3. no examination on the trustees' report
4. to state whether particular matters have come to our attention

Basis of the Independent examiner's report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with the underlying records. It also includes consideration of any material unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any of such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiners' statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that any material misstatement in the requirements:
 - a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and
 - b) to prepare accounts which accords with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

2. to which in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ebenezer Alorbu', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Ebenezer Alorbu FCCA
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