

# UNITED CHURCH OF GOD BRITISH ISLES

England & Wales · Charity number 1079192

## Details

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| Other names | THE GOOD NEWS - A MAGAZINE OF UNDERSTANDING, THE WORLD TOMORROW PROGRAMME, UNITED CHURCH OF GOD BIBLE STUDY COURSE |
| Status      | Registered                                                                                                         |
| Legal form  | Other                                                                                                              |
| Registered  | 2000-01-31                                                                                                         |
| Register    | <a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>                                                            |

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## Activities

**Objects:** TO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN THE BRITISH ISLES AND IN THE WORLD AT LARGE, MAKE DISCIPLES IN ALL NATIONS AND PASTOR AND CARE FOR THOSE DISCIPLES

**Activities:** Religious activities

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** WORLD WIDE
- Ireland
- Isle Of Man
- Northern Ireland
- Scotland
- Throughout England And Wales

## Finances

| Period end | Income   | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|----------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-06-30 | £287,691 | £291,053    | -      | -         |
| 2024-06-30 | £283,240 | £308,079    | -      | -         |
| 2023-06-30 | £245,044 | £223,061    | -      | -         |
| 2022-06-30 | £329,180 | £224,212    | -      | -         |
| 2021-06-30 | £252,521 | £216,424    | -      | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                 | Role  | Appointed  |
|----------------------|-------|------------|
| <b>Jason Godfrey</b> | Chair | 2022-11-07 |
| BRYAN THOMAS ELLAMS  |       | 2019-07-21 |
| Brian Crook          |       | 2014-03-31 |
| DAVID NORMAN FENNEY  |       |            |
| Debi Richardson      |       | 2023-12-31 |

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# Accounts

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**United Church of God – British Isles**  
**AGM 15 September 2025**

**Chairman's report – Jason Godfrey**

Greetings! I would like to welcome everyone to the 2025 Annual General Meeting of the Charity - the United Church of God British Isles.

For the record, under Charity status the Church can function as a religious organisation enabling Us to pursue Our mission and commission in the regions of the British Isles. The Charity organises the day to day running of the Church through the CEO appointed by the National Council to look after the administration of the Church. In addition, other members execute several critical roles within this administration to deliver the Church's aims.

I thank all who have been involved in the running of the Charity in many capacities to further the Church's mission particularly, for example, in organising the Feast of Tabernacles and Family Camp.

I wish to thank all those who have served on the Council this year who have provided their time, effort and invaluable service to help achieve our collective goals. Finishing this year, the work of Sarah Bunker as Secretary and Denise McClean as Non-Executive member is certainly appreciated. Wai-Shan Kwok has taken on the role of Secretary transferring from Sarah Bunker.

We will welcome new Council members this year and will continue to encourage involvement, especially from for the younger members of the Church whose participation will ensure continuity and the dividends of success.

There are certainly challenges ahead but our aims are sure. We are involved in something started long ago - let us continue the work!

I will now hand you over to our CEO, David Fenney, to give you a more in-depth assessment of the functioning of the Church as a Charity.

**CEO's report - David Fenney**

The United Church of God in the British Isles continued to function through the July 2024–June 2025 year. During the year the Church held the Feast of Tabernacles at *The Prince of Wales Hotel* in Southport; a summer family camp at *Dalesdown*, Horsham, West Sussex; part-time office staff worked both in the office and from home. The work of the Church in preaching the Gospel has continued, with Internet advertising and literature request fulfilment.

Here is a collection of statistics that presents a snapshot of UCG-BI as of June 2025:

- 177 members on file.
- 50 prospectives/associates on file.
- 178 donors on file.
- 140 co-workers on file.

- 5 congregations that meet in-person most weeks: Stirling, Ballymena, Gloucester, Bricket Wood, London.
- 1 congregation that meets in-person three times each month in two different locations: Preston, which meets also on *Zoom* each week with a combination of members from Preston, Sheffield, Isle of Man, Ireland, and elsewhere.
- 10 elders/ministers, plus (8) wives, plus deacons (7) and deaconesses (8), serving in our congregations.
- *Beyond Today* magazine + *Supplement*, in 2024-2025 a total of 40,022 copies were distributed, an average of 6,670 per issue.
- The September/October 2025 *Beyond Today* + *Supplement* – the current issue – was mailed to 5,768 subscribers, of which 5,481 are in UK, 279 in Ireland, 8 in Isle of Man.
- *United News*, mailed to 175 members' homes.
- *Bible Study Course*, a total of 481 lessons were mailed to students; since the Course was introduced 7,140 students have received all 12 lessons and of those, 978 have completed and returned all 12 tests.
- 2024-2025 *incoming mail*, a total of 4,137 items of mail – including 3,359 Internet responses and 778 postal items – were received.
- 2024-2025 *outgoing mail*, a total of 3,764 envelopes were mailed out, containing 7,507 items of literature; excluding copies of *Beyond Today* + *Supplement* mailed commercially.
- *Internet advertising*: The total cost of the Google ads in the year was USD\$24,444, which was reimbursed to UCGIA, at a cost to UCG-BI of £19,442.
- £287,400 total estimated annual income for the 2024-2025 year.
- £295,513 total estimated annual expenditure for the 2024-2025 year.
- The Church's principal sources of income in the year were: direct donations, £176,399; Holy Day offerings £79,853; Gift Aid refunds, £21,888. These accounted for about 97% of total income in the year.
- Wages were UCG-BI's largest single expenditure item, at £66,041; with postage at £62,282; rent and utilities at £38,634; congregational hall hire at £34,860. These four items accounted for 68% of expenditure in the year.
- For the last four years UCG-BI has not requested a direct financial subsidy from UCGIA, although we do receive from UCGIA without charge, extensive stocks of printed literature.
- The *Supplement* is written, composed, desktop-published, and printed commercially in the UK at UCG-BI expense.
- UCG-BI is essentially a volunteer organisation, including the work of the ministry and the National Council; in addition, UCG-BI had 6 part-time employees in the year.

## 1. Church/local congregations/work of the ministry:

- a. This area of the Church's work accounted for **25%** of expenditure (30% previous year).
- b. All congregations have continued to be supported, with the ministry or other speakers present for in-person or *Zoom* services wherever and whenever possible.
- c. *Zoom* services linking Preston, Sheffield and Isle of Man congregation members with members elsewhere in the British Isles and beyond, have continued weekly.
- d. The 2024 Feast of Tabernacles took place at *The Prince of Wales Hotel* in Southport, with *Zoom* connections to members at home. By the end of the Feast, 192 attendees had registered their presence in person, 79 of whom were overseas visitors, mainly from the USA. The highest attendance was 189, recorded during the afternoon service

- on the Eighth Day.
- e. The 2025 Spring Holy Day services took place in-person and over *Zoom*.
  - f. Average in-person monthly attendance figures for all congregations began to be submitted to MMS in Cincinnati in January 2024, at the request of the UCGIA Council of Elders; in the 2024-2025 year the highest reported average in-person monthly attendance in the UCG-British Isles congregations was 170, and the lowest was 126.
  - g. A website page with contact and other details for every congregation is being worked on.
  - h. Overall, UCG-BI is dependent on the work of volunteers in all areas of its operations. The ministry of the United Church of God in the British Isles is essentially unpaid.
  - i. Since 2020 members have been encouraged to send their Holy Day offerings to the Church office, and directly into the Church's bank account if possible. This approach remains necessary due to the ever-growing challenge of finding convenient bank branches for congregational offerings to be paid into. For the three spring Holy Day offerings earlier in 2025, 20% of the total offerings came from three congregations, while the other 80% was received as direct donations from members.
  - j. The Church continues to rely on the support of local leaders within our congregations. The ministry has continued to review existing and future leadership needs.
  - k. A Family Summer Camp took place at *Dalesdown*, Horsham, West Sussex in August 2024, attracting Church families from both the UK and several European countries.
  - l. The newsletter *News & Events* has continued to be published on an occasional basis and distributed to members both in the British Isles and to a sizeable list of recipients overseas who have an interest in, or a connection with, the Church in the British Isles. There were five issues of *News & Events* distributed during the 2024–2025 year. All communications from the UCGIA Cincinnati home office intended for Church members were forwarded in a timely manner.
  - m. In addition to Sabbath services, various meetings and discussions took place by *Zoom* during the year: ministerial, pastoral, National Council, Feast planning, personal counselling, midweek Bible studies, training sessions for speaking in Church.
  - n. In December 2024 UCGIA president Rick Shabi and his wife Deborah visited the London congregation en route to the European Leadership conference held near Amsterdam at the end of the year.
  - o. Two ministerial couples from the UK attended by invitation the European Leadership Conference near Amsterdam in December 2024.

## 2. Proclamation:

- a. This area of the Church's work accounted for **47%** of expenditure (45% previous year).
- b. We have continued to distribute *Beyond Today* magazine throughout the British Isles.
- c. The *British & European Supplement to Beyond Today* magazine has continued to be published. The continuing efforts of Barbara Fenney as editorial coordinator and Jan Schroeder as production manager, together with the efforts of writers and reviewers, are much appreciated. This publication continues to include articles presenting basic biblical knowledge with a Christian-living focus. Our website [ucg.org.uk](http://ucg.org.uk) has PDFs of most issues of the *Supplement* back to the January/February 2005 issue.
- d. The July/August 2024 issue of the *Supplement* was its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary issue.
- e. Circulation of *Beyond Today* magazine and the *Supplement* averaged 6,670 subscriber copies during the year, 6 issues: with a high of 7,001 and a low of 6,207. The number of Internet-only readers in the British Isles is not readily quantifiable.

- f. Internet advertising of Church publications continued throughout the year in the United Kingdom and Ireland, being undertaken on our behalf by the Media and Communications Services department in the UCGIA Cincinnati home office, at UCG-BI expense.
- g. Our historical magazine subscription renewal rate has never been higher than 30%, and since 2020 it has been in the range 3–10%, and in the 2024-2025 year averaged just over 4%.
- h. In response to ongoing Internet advertising, the office has continued to receive requests for booklets and Bible study aids. In the 12-month period July 2024 to June 2025, the office mailed 4,242 booklets and study aids – 56 different titles – to those who requested them, down from 6,854 in the previous year. The five most requested titles this year were: *The Ten Commandments*, *You Can Have Living Faith*, *The Book of Revelation Unveiled*, *Is the Bible True? How to Understand the Bible*. These five titles accounted for 55% of all booklet/study aid mailings. The most requested title (TC) individually accounted for 21% of all booklet/study aid mailings.
- i. The subscriber mailing address carriers for *Beyond Today* and the *Supplement* have continued to include ‘advertorials’ for related literature and for UCGIA’s *Beyond Today* TV programme. Subscribers use the carriers to request literature that is offered; some returned carriers include comments that are included in the letters page of the *Supplement* or are sent on to the Cincinnati home office. In recent years, the text of carriers has also been posted on the [ucg.org.uk](http://ucg.org.uk) website, under the *News & Events* section of the *About Us* tab.

### 3. Administration:

- a. This area of the Church’s work accounted for **28%** of expenditure (25% previous year).
- b. The continuing efforts of our office manager Jan Schroeder to support the office functions are much appreciated.
- c. The office, with both part-time employees, and volunteers who come into the office and who also work from home, has continued to meet the various demands placed on it.
- d. Mailing literature from the Church office continues to be a major task, although with a reduced level of literature requests to be fulfilled mailing operations went to every other week. The bulk mailing of the *Beyond Today* magazine and *Supplement* is contracted to a commercial organisation, *First Move* in High Wycombe. Requests for new subscriptions to *Beyond Today* magazine and back issue requests, are mailed directly from the Church office.
- e. Office equipment: ongoing upgrades to office equipment were made as required. In addition, we are grateful for the ongoing help and support of UCGIA’s IT personnel.
- f. UCG-British Isles continues to rent office space at Peterson House in Chalfont St Giles. This lease has been renewed for several years on an annual basis, with the current lease running to February 2026, which will be renewed again shortly.
- g. UCG-British Isles continues to rent a business unit in Warrington. We use this unit for storage of Church property, records, and equipment. The current 3-year lease for this unit runs to June 2026.
- h. For 2024–2025 UCG-British Isles did not request an annual *International Subsidy* from UCGIA. Along with budgetary data, UCG-British Isles and all international areas provided Cincinnati with requested extensive information, for review by UCGIA’s president and Council of Elders.
- i. Primus Accountancy in Golborne, Greater Manchester, reviewed the 2023-2024

accounts, and will shortly start work on the 2024-2025 accounts.

- j. Leases were renewed; the annual return to the Charity Commission was submitted; insurance policies were obtained or renewed; a package of information requested by UCGIA from all international areas was compiled and submitted; a business survey questionnaire from the ONS was completed and returned as requested.

### **Thanks!**

- I would like to thank the members and supporters of the Church and the Charity for their continued support, encouragement, involvement in the work of the Church.

I would also like to thank the home office personnel of UCGIA, together with the Council of Elders and the administration, for their support, advice and sharing of ideas, for the *ucg.org* website, and for printed literature supplies – *Beyond Today* magazines, booklets, study aids, *Bible Study Course* lessons, and other items – provided without charge to UCG-BI.

### **CEO's Business Plan - David Fenney**

***“The mission of the United Church of God, an International Association, is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God in all the world, make disciples in all nations and care for those disciples.”***

UCG-British Isles will continue to preach the gospel and prepare a people and will continue to place a high priority on finding, developing, training, encouraging, and mentoring leaders, speakers, and administrators. We will continue to use the skills, abilities, talents, and spiritual gifts of those God has placed within this Church – enhancing those skills where possible.

Our key challenges include the need to:

- a. Equip the saints for the work of the Church in terms of identifying, training, developing, and mentoring teachers and leaders from among those God has called to us.
- b. Inspire others to carry on the work of this present generation of volunteer administrators, that they in turn might contribute to our support structure at all levels.
- c. Foster a welcoming Church environment in our present and potential future congregations that will encourage the interest, growth and development of people who contact us in response to God's calling and our preaching of the Gospel.

### **1. Church/local congregations/work of the ministry:**

- a. **31%** of the Church's overall expenditure budget has been proposed for this area.
- b. The immediate challenges remain those of supporting our congregations; welcoming new attendees; continuing to use *Zoom* to link with members at home.
- c. The Church continue to receive requests for information about services from both members and others who are remote from our existing congregations. Inviting such people to be part of our Church services via *Zoom* provides us with an opportunity to interact with them.
- d. Stemming from a leadership training event in 2024, initiatives related to the use of social media and training in public speaking are being developed.
- e. Speakers' Club began on 7<sup>th</sup> May this year with meetings every second Wednesday.

We adapted a US congregation's Speakers' Club manual for a *Zoom* format. Currently we have 26 active members from England, Northern Ireland, Norway, and a guest from Italy, with an average attendance more than 21 per meeting.

- f. Congregational Bible Studies over *Zoom* are continuing, usually on a fortnightly basis and with occasion breaks throughout the year.
- g. Ministerial and pastoral development remains essential, together with the encouragement and motivation of members to support the work of the Church. Member training that addresses congregational, administrative, ministerial, and pastoral needs must also continue.
- h. The Church will continue to encourage suitable individuals and couples to attend UCGIA's training activities, as opportunities present themselves. Three members of the Bricket Wood congregation attended the leadership development weekend in Cincinnati at the beginning of this month.
- i. This year's Feast of Tabernacles will take place at the *St George's Hotel* in Llandudno, with Church services, social get-togethers, activities for younger children and teens. Currently, registration is around 185, which includes over 50 overseas visitors. A *Zoom* link to the services will be provided for those remaining at home during the Feast.
- j. A venue in Aviemore, Scotland, is being considered for the Feast of Tabernacles in 2026. Feast site selection and overall planning for the Feast remains a standing function of the ministry, in liaison with the National Council.
- k. A family camp activity took place at *Dalesdown*, Horsham, West Sussex in August 2025. With the current demographics within our Church community, it is anticipated that similar activities will continue in the coming years.
- l. The Church needs to produce more regular member, co-worker, congregational letters and communications. Ideally, these would be produced either by personnel in the British Isles or by the adaption of equivalent communications from UCGIA. Such letters and other information updates can be posted on the *ucg.org.uk* website.

## 2. Proclamation:

- a. **43%** of the Church's expenditure budget has been proposed for this area.
- b. Our *Beyond Today* magazine subscriber list in the UK and Ireland stands around 5,800 for the September-October 2025 issue.
- c. Our UK and Ireland subscriber list has fluctuated over time – historically, it has been as low as 1,500 and as high as 12,000. A large majority of our subscribers are neither Church members nor connected with the Church in any way. While explicit subscription cancellations are regularly received, they remain relatively low numbers overall and have not significantly increased in recent times.
- d. Maintaining and increasing that circulation level remains a priority. We will continue to use Internet advertising as our primary advertising tool and will continue to fund the UCGIA Home Office to do this advertising on our behalf. In addition, we need to consider possibilities for increasing our renewal rate, which currently is around 3%.
- e. Church office personnel are working to provide current subscriber numbers and geographical locations in congregational catchment areas; this will allow local congregations to reach out – by letter or social media – to subscribers who may potentially be interested in attending a UCG meeting or church service.
- f. Video streaming allows ready access to UCGIA's extensive platform of video tools: *Beyond Today* television, *Magnified*, Ambassador Bible College classes, sermons and Bible Studies. We will continue to advertise these tools in our mailing address carriers and on the *ucg.org.uk* website. The National Council's social media committee is

working to establish strategies for corporate, congregational, and individual use of social media of behalf of UCG-BI.

- g. Should UCGIA publish any new booklets or study aids during the year, we will make copies available to our members and advertise them to our overall mailing list.
- h. The subscriber mailing address carriers for the *Beyond Today* magazine will continue to carry no-cost 'ads' offering literature or highlighting UCGIA's video content, with adapted content from the carriers continuing to be posted on the *ucg.org.uk* website.
- i. Formal written material – articles for the *Supplement*, mini-advertorials for mailing address carriers, blogs for the *ucg.org.uk* website – continues to be needed in the form of concise, yet challenging inspiring and encouraging, biblically-based Christian-living material for both the 'un-churched' and the 'mainstream-churched' audiences. Writing skills will continue to be encouraged, developed, and enhanced.

### 3. Administration:

- a. **26%** of the Church's expenditure budget has been proposed for this area.
- b. Concerning office workload generally: the Peterson House office is still a part-time work environment, with personnel typically working three days per week.
- c. Office personnel, including the CEO and Treasurer, will continue to support activities such as: Database maintenance; Accounts records and bill-paying; Donations and Holy Day offering record keeping; Website content management and maintenance; Safeguarding policies, procedures, and record-keeping; Payroll and associated matters; Gift Aid and associated record-keeping and claims.
- d. The office IT equipment requires a project of work, to replace elderly equipment, to enhance backup arrangements, and to allow additional remote access by staff working from home. In addition, upgrades to office systems in UCGIA's Cincinnati home office may require corresponding updates to UCG-BI office systems.
- e. Both UCGIA and the UCG-BI National Council require that the Church functions in compliance with various policies and procedures: for example, policies for personnel, travel and subsistence, health and safety, safeguarding. While UCG-BI does function in compliance with such policies and procedures, ongoing work is needed: (1) to keep our policies up to date, (2) to keep our personnel up to date with sensitive Church-wide matters such as safeguarding. These topics are overseen by the National Council.
- f. The National Council is currently reviewing and updating the formal Strategic Plan for UCG-BI; this work will need to involve the wider ministry in due course.
- g. Particularly for functions such as safeguarding, training of suitable Church members is needed on an on-going basis. For safeguarding, the Church will make use of the seminars and courses that are offered by *thirtyone:eight*, of which UCG-BI is a member, and which supports us in our *Disclosure and Barring Service* checking needs.
- h. The *ucg.org.uk* website needs ongoing enhancement with topical content, together with Church news, local sermons, and other messages.
- i. UCG-BI has not requested a direct financial subsidy from UCGIA for the 2025-2026 year. The non-financial subsidy we receive from UCGIA in the form of literature stocks sent to us without charge is most welcome.
- j. General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), work has been underway to remove old data from our database and to implement enhancements to our record-keeping and records storage facilities. We have been and will continue to encourage the use of corporate email addresses by all those who are involved with working with the Church's data records in their various forms.
- k. The current lease of Peterson House in Chalfont St Giles will expire in February

2026; office staff will arrange another lease extension. In coming weeks and months, the office will undergo repainting of internal windows, replacement and upgrading of light fittings, and removal of redundant telephone-related wiring.

- l. The current lease of the Warrington storage unit will expire in June 2026; while an extension is anticipated, a review of the Church's storage needs and the location to best meet those needs will need to be undertaken.
- m. In the light of the UCG-BI governing Constitution, current office processes and procedures, a review of "bank signatories", level of reserve funds, accounts for those reserve funds, online access to all accounts, needs to be undertaken and upgrades made where necessary.

## Conclusion

Despite the dramatic cultural changes going on all around us almost daily, the Church's mission or work assignment remains unchanged.

That mission is to preach the established and unchanging gospel; to make disciples, to baptise and teach them; to maintain our physical and ethical foundations, and to keep our spiritual equipment in constant readiness; to press on with the work our sponsor wants to find us 'so doing' when He comes.

One day our current work will be completed, a voice will have called out saying "well done, good and faithful servant". But that will not be the end of our work: having proved ourselves, we will simply be reassigned to ongoing aspects of our Master's family business.

Until then, let us press on with our Master's current work.

Charity registration number: 1079192

**BRITISH ISLES, UNITED CHURCH OF GOD  
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

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**British Isles, United Church of God  
Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

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The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

**Objectives and Activities**

**Aims and Objectives**

To preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God in the British Isles and in the World at large, make Disciples in all nations and pastor and care for those Disciples.

**Reference and Administrative Details**

**Trustees**

Mr David Fenney - Chief Executive Officer  
Mr Jason Godfrey - Chairman Appointed  
Mr Brian Crook  
Mr Bryan Ellams  
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**British Isles, United Church of God  
Trustees' Report (continued)  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

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The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Mr Jason Godfrey

Trustee

23rd April 2026

**British Isles, United Church of God  
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of British Isles, United Church of God  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of British Isles, United Church of God (the Trust) for the year ended 30 June 2025.

**Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

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").

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.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

Since the Trust's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

*Gia Dodgson*

Gia Dodgson ACCA  
23rd April 2026  
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**British Isles, United Church of God  
Statement of Financial Activities  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

|                                    |              |                           |                         | <b>2025</b>        | <b>2024</b>        |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                                    |              | <b>Unrestricted funds</b> | <b>Restricted funds</b> | <b>Total funds</b> | <b>Total funds</b> |
|                                    | <b>Notes</b> | <b>£</b>                  | <b>£</b>                | <b>£</b>           | <b>£</b>           |
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b> |              |                           |                         |                    |                    |
| Donations and legacies             | <b>3</b>     | 287,012                   | -                       | 287,012            | 282,511            |
| Investments                        | <b>4</b>     | 679                       | -                       | 679                | 729                |
|                                    |              | <u>287,691</u>            | <u>-</u>                | <u>287,691</u>     | <u>283,240</u>     |
| <b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>             |              |                           |                         |                    |                    |
| Charitable activities:             | <b>5</b>     |                           |                         |                    |                    |
| Support costs                      |              | (84,140)                  | -                       | (84,140)           | (76,004)           |
| Charitable activities              |              | (206,913)                 | -                       | (206,913)          | (232,666)          |
|                                    |              | <u>(291,053)</u>          | <u>-</u>                | <u>(291,053)</u>   | <u>(308,670)</u>   |
| <b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>             |              | <u>(3,362)</u>            | <u>-</u>                | <u>(3,362)</u>     | <u>(25,430)</u>    |
| <b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>       |              | <u>(3,362)</u>            | <u>-</u>                | <u>(3,362)</u>     | <u>(25,430)</u>    |
| <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>    |              |                           |                         |                    |                    |
| Total funds brought forward        |              | 248,475                   | 14,236                  | 262,711            | 288,140            |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b> | <b>12</b>    | <u>245,113</u>            | <u>14,236</u>           | <u>259,349</u>     | <u>262,710</u>     |

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

**British Isles, United Church of God  
Comparative Statement of Financial Activities  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

|                                    |       |                    |                  | 2024             |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                    | Notes | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total funds      |
|                                    |       | £                  | £                | £                |
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b> |       |                    |                  |                  |
| Donations and legacies             | 3     | 277,241            | 5,270            | 282,511          |
| Investments                        | 4     | 729                | -                | 729              |
|                                    |       | <u>277,970</u>     | <u>5,270</u>     | <u>283,240</u>   |
| <b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>             |       |                    |                  |                  |
| Charitable activities:             | 5     |                    |                  |                  |
| Support costs                      |       | (76,004)           | -                | (76,004)         |
| Charitable activities              |       | (202,666)          | (30,000)         | (232,666)        |
|                                    |       | <u>(278,670)</u>   | <u>(30,000)</u>  | <u>(308,670)</u> |
| <b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>             |       | <u>(700)</u>       | <u>(24,730)</u>  | <u>(25,430)</u>  |
| <b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>       |       | <u>(700)</u>       | <u>(24,730)</u>  | <u>(25,430)</u>  |
| <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>    |       |                    |                  |                  |
| Total funds brought forward        |       | 249,174            | 38,966           | 288,140          |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b> | 12    | <u>248,474</u>     | <u>14,236</u>    | <u>262,710</u>   |

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**British Isles, United Church of God  
Statement of Financial Position  
As At 30 June 2025**

|                                                       |              |                     |                   | <b>2025</b>  | <b>2024</b>  |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                                       |              | <b>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Restricted</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|                                                       | <b>Notes</b> | <b>funds</b>        | <b>funds</b>      | <b>funds</b> | <b>funds</b> |
|                                                       |              | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>     | <b>£</b>     |
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                                   |              |                     |                   |              |              |
| Tangible Assets                                       | <b>9</b>     | 1,328               | -                 | 1,328        | 1,771        |
|                                                       |              | 1,328               | -                 | 1,328        | 1,771        |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                                 |              |                     |                   |              |              |
| Debtors                                               | <b>10</b>    | 8,529               | -                 | 8,529        | 7,082        |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |              | 251,950             | -                 | 251,950      | 256,714      |
|                                                       |              | 260,479             | -                 | 260,479      | 263,796      |
| <b>Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year</b> | <b>11</b>    | (2,458)             | -                 | (2,458)      | (2,857)      |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>               |              | 258,021             | -                 | 258,021      | 260,939      |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>          |              | 259,349             | -                 | 259,349      | 262,710      |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                                     |              | 259,349             | -                 | 259,349      | 262,710      |
| <b>FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>                           |              |                     |                   |              |              |
| Restricted Funds                                      |              |                     |                   | 14,236       | 14,236       |
| Unrestricted Funds                                    |              |                     |                   | 245,113      | 248,474      |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                                    | <b>12</b>    |                     |                   | 259,349      | 262,710      |

On behalf of the board

Mr Jason Godfrey  
Trustee  
23rd April 2026

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**British Isles, United Church of God  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

**1. General Information**

British Isles, United Church of God is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 1079192. The principal address is Peterson House, The Green, Chalfont St. Giles, HP8 4QF.

**2. Accounting Policies**

**2.1. 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)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

**2.2. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Fixtures & Fittings | 25% Reducing balance |
|---------------------|----------------------|

**2.3. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

**3. Income from Donations and Legacies**

|                     | <b>2025</b>               |                         |                    |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
|                     | <b>Unrestricted funds</b> | <b>Restricted funds</b> | <b>Total funds</b> |
|                     | <b>£</b>                  | <b>£</b>                | <b>£</b>           |
| Donations and gifts | 265,124                   | -                       | 265,124            |
| Gift aid            | 21,888                    | -                       | 21,888             |
| Legacies            | -                         | -                       | -                  |
|                     | <b>287,012</b>            | <b>-</b>                | <b>287,012</b>     |

  

|                     | <b>2024</b>               |                         |                    |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
|                     | <b>Unrestricted funds</b> | <b>Restricted funds</b> | <b>Total funds</b> |
|                     | <b>£</b>                  | <b>£</b>                | <b>£</b>           |
| Donations and gifts | 248,487                   | 270                     | 248,757            |
| Gift aid            | 28,754                    | -                       | 28,754             |
| Legacies            | -                         | 5,000                   | 5,000              |
|                     | <b>277,241</b>            | <b>5,270</b>            | <b>282,511</b>     |

**4. Investment Income**

|                          | <b>2025</b>               | <b>2024</b>               |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                          | <b>Unrestricted funds</b> | <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |
|                          | <b>£</b>                  | <b>£</b>                  |
| Bank interest receivable | 679                       | 729                       |

**British Isles, United Church of God**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

**5. Analysis of Expenditure**

|                       | <b>2025</b>          |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
|                       | <b>Support costs</b> |
|                       | (see note 6)         |
|                       | £                    |
| Support costs         | 84,140               |
| Charitable activities | 206,913              |
|                       | <u>291,053</u>       |
|                       |                      |
|                       | <b>2024</b>          |
|                       | <b>Support costs</b> |
|                       | (see note 6)         |
|                       | £                    |
| Support costs         | 76,004               |
| Charitable activities | 232,666              |
|                       | <u>308,670</u>       |

**6. Support Costs**

|                        | <b>2025</b>                  |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
|                        | <b>Support costs</b>         |
|                        | <b>Charitable activities</b> |
|                        | <b>Total</b>                 |
|                        | £                            |
| General administration | 84,140                       |
|                        | <u>206,913</u>               |
|                        | <u>291,053</u>               |
|                        |                              |
|                        | <b>2024</b>                  |
|                        | <b>Support costs</b>         |
|                        | <b>Charitable activities</b> |
|                        | <b>Total</b>                 |
|                        | £                            |
| General administration | 76,004                       |
|                        | <u>232,666</u>               |
|                        | <u>308,670</u>               |

**7. Independent Examiner's Remuneration**

|                                                     | <b>2025</b>  | <b>2024</b>  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                                     | £            | £            |
| Independent examination of the financial statements | 1,536        | 1,440        |
|                                                     | <u>1,536</u> | <u>1,440</u> |

**8. Average Number of Employees**

Average number of employees during the year was: 6 (2024: 6)

**British Isles, United Church of God**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

**9. Tangible Assets**

**Fixtures &  
Fittings**

£

**Cost**

As at 1 July 2024

21,286

As at 30 June 2025

21,286

**Depreciation**

As at 1 July 2024

19,515

Provided during the period

443

As at 30 June 2025

19,958

**Net Book Value**

As at 30 June 2025

1,328

As at 1 July 2024

1,771

**10. Debtors**

**2025**

**2024**

£

£

**Due within one year**

Other debtors

8,529

7,082

**11. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year**

**2025**

**2024**

£

£

Trade creditors

438

1,417

Other creditors

484

-

Accruals and deferred income

1,536

1,440

2,458

2,857

**12. Movement in Funds**

**As at 1 July  
2024**

**Income**

**Expenditure**

**As at 30  
June 2025**

£

£

£

£

**Unrestricted funds**

General:

General unrestricted fund

248,475

287,691

(291,053)

245,113

**Restricted funds**

Restricted Fund

14,236

-

-

14,236

**Total funds**

262,711

287,691

(291,053)

259,349

**British Isles, United Church of God**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

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|                           | As at 1 July<br>2023 | Income         | Expenditure      | As at 30<br>June 2024 |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------|
|                           | £                    | £              | £                | £                     |
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                      |                |                  |                       |
| General:                  |                      |                |                  |                       |
| General unrestricted fund | 249,174              | 277,970        | (278,670)        | 248,474               |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>   |                      |                |                  |                       |
| Restricted Fund           | 38,966               | 5,270          | (30,000)         | 14,236                |
| <b>Total funds</b>        | <u>288,140</u>       | <u>283,240</u> | <u>(308,670)</u> | <u>262,710</u>        |

**13. Related Party Disclosures**

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period that require disclosure.

**British Isles, United Church of God  
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

|                                             | <b>2025</b>        | <b>2024</b>        |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                                             | <b>Total funds</b> | <b>Total funds</b> |
|                                             | <b>£</b>           | <b>£</b>           |
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>          |                    |                    |
| <b>Donations and legacies</b>               |                    |                    |
| General Income                              | 176,422            | 177,028            |
| Holy Day Offerings                          | 80,343             | 68,237             |
| Festival Donations                          | 5,698              | 2,652              |
| Welfare General                             | 2,025              | 490                |
| Miscellaneous Income                        | 458                | 350                |
| Youth Assistance                            | 178                | -                  |
| Gift Aid Refunds                            | 21,888             | 28,754             |
| Legacies                                    | -                  | 5,000              |
|                                             | <b>287,012</b>     | <b>282,511</b>     |
| <b>Investments</b>                          |                    |                    |
| Bank Interest Received                      | 679                | 729                |
|                                             | <b>679</b>         | <b>729</b>         |
|                                             | <b>287,691</b>     | <b>283,240</b>     |
| <b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>                      |                    |                    |
| <b>Charitable Activities:</b>               |                    |                    |
| <b>Support costs</b>                        |                    |                    |
| Administration: Wages - Administration      | (25,468)           | (23,779)           |
| Administration: Premises Rent etc           | (38,251)           | (38,050)           |
| Administration: Telephone                   | (1,038)            | (1,263)            |
| Administration: Travel Costs                | (1,649)            | (704)              |
| Administration: Contracted Services         | (1,734)            | (218)              |
| Administration: Equipment and Supplies      | (6,559)            | (7,774)            |
| Administration: Professional Fees           | (200)              | (212)              |
| Administration: All Other                   | (1,155)            | (775)              |
| Administration: Bank Charges                | (1,215)            | (1,081)            |
| Administration: Suspense and Mispostings    | (4,892)            | (118)              |
| Administration: Depreciation                | (443)              | (590)              |
| Independent examiner's fees                 | (1,536)            | (1,440)            |
|                                             | <b>(84,140)</b>    | <b>(76,004)</b>    |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>                |                    |                    |
| Church: Church Administration               | (2,120)            | (37,930)           |
| Church: Local Church Wages                  | (8,570)            | (8,351)            |
| Church: Local Church Travel and Subsistence | (1,317)            | (4,711)            |
| Church: Local Church Hall Hire              | (34,859)           | (29,591)           |
| Church: Local Church Miscellaneous          | (468)              | (591)              |
| Church: Youth                               | (10,505)           | (11,103)           |
| Church: Festivals                           | (8,798)            | (5,507)            |
| Church: Welfare and Assistance              | (2,305)            | (220)              |
| Proclamation: Media                         | (20,549)           | (30,186)           |
| Proclamation: Publications Wages            | (32,861)           | (30,729)           |

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**British Isles, United Church of God**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities (continued)**  
**For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

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|                                                   |           |           |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Proclamation: Publications Travel                 | (167)     | (827)     |
| Proclamation: Publications Postage and Shipping   | (62,660)  | (52,181)  |
| Proclamation: Publications Contracted Services    | (10,786)  | (8,480)   |
| Proclamation: Publications Printing and Pre-Press | (9,056)   | (10,172)  |
| Proclamation: Envelopes and Literature            | (1,892)   | (2,087)   |
|                                                   | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |
|                                                   | (206,913) | (232,666) |
|                                                   | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |
|                                                   | (291,053) | (308,670) |
|                                                   | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |
| <b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>                            | (3,362)   | (25,430)  |
|                                                   | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |

Charity registration number: 1079192

**BRITISH ISLES, UNITED CHURCH OF GOD  
TRUSTEES' REPORT AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025**

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**British Isles, United Church of God  
Trustees' Report For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

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The trustees present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2025.

**Objectives and Activities**

**Aims and Objectives**

To preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God in the British Isles and in the World at large, make Disciples in all nations and pastor and care for those Disciples.

**Reference and Administrative Details**

**Trustees**

Mr David Fenney - Chief Executive Officer  
Mr Jason Godfrey - Chairman Appointed  
Mr Brian Crook  
Mr Bryan Ellams  
Mrs Debi Richardson

**Charity Number**

1079192

**Principal Address**

Peterson House  
The Green  
Chalfont St. Giles  
HP8 4QF

**Independent Examiner**

Gia Dodgson ACCA  
Primus Accountancy LLP  
82 High Street  
Golborne  
Warrington  
WA3 3DA

**British Isles, United Church of God  
Trustees' Report (continued)  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

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The trustees' report was approved by the board of trustees and signed on its behalf by:

Mr Jason Godfrey

Trustee

23rd April 2026

**British Isles, United Church of God  
Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of British Isles, United Church of God  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of British Isles, United Church of God (the Trust) for the year ended 30 June 2025.

**Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

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").

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.

**Independent Examiner's Statement**

Since the Trust's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, which is one of the listed bodies.

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

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and contents of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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



Gia Dodgson ACCA  
23rd April 2026  
82 High Street  
Golborne  
Warrington  
WA3 3DA

**British Isles, United Church of God  
Statement of Financial Activities  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

|                                    |              |                     |                   | <b>2025</b>      | <b>2024</b>      |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                    |              | <b>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Restricted</b> | <b>Total</b>     | <b>Total</b>     |
|                                    | <b>Notes</b> | <b>funds</b>        | <b>funds</b>      | <b>funds</b>     | <b>funds</b>     |
|                                    |              | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>         | <b>£</b>         |
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b> |              |                     |                   |                  |                  |
| Donations and legacies             | <b>3</b>     | 287,012             | -                 | 287,012          | 282,511          |
| Investments                        | <b>4</b>     | 679                 | -                 | 679              | 729              |
|                                    |              | <u>287,691</u>      | <u>-</u>          | <u>287,691</u>   | <u>283,240</u>   |
| <b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>             |              |                     |                   |                  |                  |
| Charitable activities:             | <b>5</b>     |                     |                   |                  |                  |
| Support costs                      |              | (84,140)            | -                 | (84,140)         | (76,004)         |
| Charitable activities              |              | (206,913)           | -                 | (206,913)        | (232,666)        |
|                                    |              | <u>(291,053)</u>    | <u>-</u>          | <u>(291,053)</u> | <u>(308,670)</u> |
| <b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>             |              | <u>(3,362)</u>      | <u>-</u>          | <u>(3,362)</u>   | <u>(25,430)</u>  |
| <b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>       |              | <u>(3,362)</u>      | <u>-</u>          | <u>(3,362)</u>   | <u>(25,430)</u>  |
| <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>    |              |                     |                   |                  |                  |
| Total funds brought forward        |              | 248,475             | 14,236            | 262,711          | 288,140          |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b> | <b>12</b>    | <u>245,113</u>      | <u>14,236</u>     | <u>259,349</u>   | <u>262,710</u>   |

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**British Isles, United Church of God  
Comparative Statement of Financial Activities  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

|                                    |       |                    |                  | 2024             |
|------------------------------------|-------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
|                                    | Notes | Unrestricted funds | Restricted funds | Total funds      |
|                                    |       | £                  | £                | £                |
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b> |       |                    |                  |                  |
| Donations and legacies             | 3     | 277,241            | 5,270            | 282,511          |
| Investments                        | 4     | 729                | -                | 729              |
|                                    |       | <u>277,970</u>     | <u>5,270</u>     | <u>283,240</u>   |
| <b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>             |       |                    |                  |                  |
| Charitable activities:             | 5     |                    |                  |                  |
| Support costs                      |       | (76,004)           | -                | (76,004)         |
| Charitable activities              |       | (202,666)          | (30,000)         | (232,666)        |
|                                    |       | <u>(278,670)</u>   | <u>(30,000)</u>  | <u>(308,670)</u> |
| <b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>             |       | <u>(700)</u>       | <u>(24,730)</u>  | <u>(25,430)</u>  |
| <b>NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS</b>       |       | <u>(700)</u>       | <u>(24,730)</u>  | <u>(25,430)</u>  |
| <b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS:</b>    |       |                    |                  |                  |
| Total funds brought forward        |       | 249,174            | 38,966           | 288,140          |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b> | 12    | <u>248,474</u>     | <u>14,236</u>    | <u>262,710</u>   |

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**British Isles, United Church of God  
Statement of Financial Position  
As At 30 June 2025**

|                                                       |              |                     |                   | <b>2025</b>  | <b>2024</b>  |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                                       |              | <b>Unrestricted</b> | <b>Restricted</b> | <b>Total</b> | <b>Total</b> |
|                                                       | <b>Notes</b> | <b>funds</b>        | <b>funds</b>      | <b>funds</b> | <b>funds</b> |
|                                                       |              | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>          | <b>£</b>     | <b>£</b>     |
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                                   |              |                     |                   |              |              |
| Tangible Assets                                       | <b>9</b>     | 1,328               | -                 | 1,328        | 1,771        |
|                                                       |              | 1,328               | -                 | 1,328        | 1,771        |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                                 |              |                     |                   |              |              |
| Debtors                                               | <b>10</b>    | 8,529               | -                 | 8,529        | 7,082        |
| Cash at bank and in hand                              |              | 251,950             | -                 | 251,950      | 256,714      |
|                                                       |              | 260,479             | -                 | 260,479      | 263,796      |
| <b>Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year</b> | <b>11</b>    | (2,458)             | -                 | (2,458)      | (2,857)      |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>               |              | 258,021             | -                 | 258,021      | 260,939      |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>          |              | 259,349             | -                 | 259,349      | 262,710      |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                                     |              | 259,349             | -                 | 259,349      | 262,710      |
| <b>FUNDS OF THE CHARITY</b>                           |              |                     |                   |              |              |
| Restricted Funds                                      |              |                     |                   | 14,236       | 14,236       |
| Unrestricted Funds                                    |              |                     |                   | 245,113      | 248,474      |
| <b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>                                    | <b>12</b>    |                     |                   | 259,349      | 262,710      |

On behalf of the board

Mr Jason Godfrey  
Trustee  
23rd April 2026

The notes on pages 7 to 10 form part of these financial statements.

**British Isles, United Church of God**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

**1. General Information**

British Isles, United Church of God is an unincorporated charity registered with the Charity Commission, registered charity number 1079192. The principal address is Peterson House, The Green, Chalfont St. Giles, HP8 4QF.

**2. Accounting Policies**

**2.1. 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)", Financial Reporting Standard 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" and the Charities Act 2011.

The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

**2.2. Tangible Fixed Assets and Depreciation**

Tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. Depreciation is provided at rates calculated to write off the cost of the fixed assets, less their estimated residual value, over their expected useful lives on the following bases:

|                     |                      |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Fixtures & Fittings | 25% Reducing balance |
|---------------------|----------------------|

**2.3. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents are basic financial assets and include cash in hand and deposits held at call with banks, other short-term highly liquid investments that mature in no more than three months from the date of acquisition and are readily convertible to a known amount of cash with insignificant risk of change in value, and bank overdrafts.

**3. Income from Donations and Legacies**

|                     | <b>2025</b>               |                         |                    |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
|                     | <b>Unrestricted funds</b> | <b>Restricted funds</b> | <b>Total funds</b> |
|                     | <b>£</b>                  | <b>£</b>                | <b>£</b>           |
| Donations and gifts | 265,124                   | -                       | 265,124            |
| Gift aid            | 21,888                    | -                       | 21,888             |
| Legacies            | -                         | -                       | -                  |
|                     | <b>287,012</b>            | <b>-</b>                | <b>287,012</b>     |

  

|                     | <b>2024</b>               |                         |                    |
|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
|                     | <b>Unrestricted funds</b> | <b>Restricted funds</b> | <b>Total funds</b> |
|                     | <b>£</b>                  | <b>£</b>                | <b>£</b>           |
| Donations and gifts | 248,487                   | 270                     | 248,757            |
| Gift aid            | 28,754                    | -                       | 28,754             |
| Legacies            | -                         | 5,000                   | 5,000              |
|                     | <b>277,241</b>            | <b>5,270</b>            | <b>282,511</b>     |

**4. Investment Income**

|                          | <b>2025</b>               | <b>2024</b>               |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
|                          | <b>Unrestricted funds</b> | <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |
|                          | <b>£</b>                  | <b>£</b>                  |
| Bank interest receivable | 679                       | 729                       |

**British Isles, United Church of God**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

**5. Analysis of Expenditure**

|                       | <b>2025</b>          |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
|                       | <b>Support costs</b> |
|                       | (see note 6)         |
|                       | £                    |
| Support costs         | 84,140               |
| Charitable activities | 206,913              |
|                       | <u>291,053</u>       |
|                       |                      |
|                       | <b>2024</b>          |
|                       | <b>Support costs</b> |
|                       | (see note 6)         |
|                       | £                    |
| Support costs         | 76,004               |
| Charitable activities | 232,666              |
|                       | <u>308,670</u>       |

**6. Support Costs**

|                        | <b>2025</b>          |                              |
|------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
|                        | <b>Support costs</b> | <b>Charitable activities</b> |
|                        | £                    | £                            |
| General administration | 84,140               | 206,913                      |
|                        | <u>84,140</u>        | <u>206,913</u>               |
|                        |                      |                              |
|                        | <b>2024</b>          |                              |
|                        | <b>Support costs</b> | <b>Charitable activities</b> |
|                        | £                    | £                            |
| General administration | 76,004               | 232,666                      |
|                        | <u>76,004</u>        | <u>232,666</u>               |

**7. Independent Examiner's Remuneration**

|                                                     | <b>2025</b>  | <b>2024</b>  |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
|                                                     | £            | £            |
| Independent examination of the financial statements | 1,536        | 1,440        |
|                                                     | <u>1,536</u> | <u>1,440</u> |

**8. Average Number of Employees**

Average number of employees during the year was: 6 (2024: 6)

**British Isles, United Church of God**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

**9. Tangible Assets**

**Fixtures &  
Fittings**

£

**Cost**

As at 1 July 2024

21,286

As at 30 June 2025

21,286

**Depreciation**

As at 1 July 2024

19,515

Provided during the period

443

As at 30 June 2025

19,958

**Net Book Value**

As at 30 June 2025

1,328

As at 1 July 2024

1,771

**10. Debtors**

**2025**

**2024**

£

£

**Due within one year**

Other debtors

8,529

7,082

**11. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year**

**2025**

**2024**

£

£

Trade creditors

438

1,417

Other creditors

484

-

Accruals and deferred income

1,536

1,440

2,458

2,857

**12. Movement in Funds**

**As at 1 July  
2024**

**Income**

**Expenditure**

**As at 30  
June 2025**

£

£

£

£

**Unrestricted funds**

**General:**

General unrestricted fund

248,475

287,691

(291,053)

245,113

**Restricted funds**

Restricted Fund

14,236

-

-

14,236

**Total funds**

262,711

287,691

(291,053)

259,349

**British Isles, United Church of God**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements (continued)**  
**For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

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|                           | As at 1 July<br>2023 | Income         | Expenditure      | As at 30<br>June 2024 |
|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------|
|                           | £                    | £              | £                | £                     |
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                      |                |                  |                       |
| General:                  |                      |                |                  |                       |
| General unrestricted fund | 249,174              | 277,970        | (278,670)        | 248,474               |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>   |                      |                |                  |                       |
| Restricted Fund           | 38,966               | 5,270          | (30,000)         | 14,236                |
| <b>Total funds</b>        | <u>288,140</u>       | <u>283,240</u> | <u>(308,670)</u> | <u>262,710</u>        |

**13. Related Party Disclosures**

There have been no related party transactions in the reporting period that require disclosure.

**British Isles, United Church of God  
Detailed Statement of Financial Activities  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

|                                             | <b>2025</b>        | <b>2024</b>        |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                                             | <b>Total funds</b> | <b>Total funds</b> |
|                                             | <b>£</b>           | <b>£</b>           |
| <b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:</b>          |                    |                    |
| <b>Donations and legacies</b>               |                    |                    |
| General Income                              | 176,422            | 177,028            |
| Holy Day Offerings                          | 80,343             | 68,237             |
| Festival Donations                          | 5,698              | 2,652              |
| Welfare General                             | 2,025              | 490                |
| Miscellaneous Income                        | 458                | 350                |
| Youth Assistance                            | 178                | -                  |
| Gift Aid Refunds                            | 21,888             | 28,754             |
| Legacies                                    | -                  | 5,000              |
|                                             | <b>287,012</b>     | <b>282,511</b>     |
| <b>Investments</b>                          |                    |                    |
| Bank Interest Received                      | 679                | 729                |
|                                             | <b>679</b>         | <b>729</b>         |
|                                             | <b>287,691</b>     | <b>283,240</b>     |
| <b>EXPENDITURE ON:</b>                      |                    |                    |
| <b>Charitable Activities:</b>               |                    |                    |
| <b>Support costs</b>                        |                    |                    |
| Administration: Wages - Administration      | (25,468)           | (23,779)           |
| Administration: Premises Rent etc           | (38,251)           | (38,050)           |
| Administration: Telephone                   | (1,038)            | (1,263)            |
| Administration: Travel Costs                | (1,649)            | (704)              |
| Administration: Contracted Services         | (1,734)            | (218)              |
| Administration: Equipment and Supplies      | (6,559)            | (7,774)            |
| Administration: Professional Fees           | (200)              | (212)              |
| Administration: All Other                   | (1,155)            | (775)              |
| Administration: Bank Charges                | (1,215)            | (1,081)            |
| Administration: Suspense and Mispostings    | (4,892)            | (118)              |
| Administration: Depreciation                | (443)              | (590)              |
| Independent examiner's fees                 | (1,536)            | (1,440)            |
|                                             | <b>(84,140)</b>    | <b>(76,004)</b>    |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>                |                    |                    |
| Church: Church Administration               | (2,120)            | (37,930)           |
| Church: Local Church Wages                  | (8,570)            | (8,351)            |
| Church: Local Church Travel and Subsistence | (1,317)            | (4,711)            |
| Church: Local Church Hall Hire              | (34,859)           | (29,591)           |
| Church: Local Church Miscellaneous          | (468)              | (591)              |
| Church: Youth                               | (10,505)           | (11,103)           |
| Church: Festivals                           | (8,798)            | (5,507)            |
| Church: Welfare and Assistance              | (2,305)            | (220)              |
| Proclamation: Media                         | (20,549)           | (30,186)           |
| Proclamation: Publications Wages            | (32,861)           | (30,729)           |

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**British Isles, United Church of God**  
**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities (continued)**  
**For The Year Ended 30 June 2025**

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|                                                   |           |           |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Proclamation: Publications Travel                 | (167)     | (827)     |
| Proclamation: Publications Postage and Shipping   | (62,660)  | (52,181)  |
| Proclamation: Publications Contracted Services    | (10,786)  | (8,480)   |
| Proclamation: Publications Printing and Pre-Press | (9,056)   | (10,172)  |
| Proclamation: Envelopes and Literature            | (1,892)   | (2,087)   |
|                                                   | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |
|                                                   | (206,913) | (232,666) |
|                                                   | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |
|                                                   | (291,053) | (308,670) |
|                                                   | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |
| <b>NET EXPENDITURE</b>                            | (3,362)   | (25,430)  |
|                                                   | <hr/>     | <hr/>     |

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# Accounts

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## **AGM Reports 23 September 2024**

### **Chairman's report – Jason Godfrey.**

Greetings! I would like to welcome everyone to the 2024 Annual General Meeting of the Charity, the United Church of God British Isles.

I want to acknowledge the passing of our previous Chairman, David Payne. His effort in the work of the Charity throughout many years is evident and will continue to assist all who will follow and continue the work given to us to complete. We are grateful for the legacy left to us by David.

Some have wondered “Why does the Church need to have charitable status?”

The Charity is a legal requirement for the Church to be able to function as a religious organisation and all that that involves. The Charity organises the day to day running of the Church through the CEO who is appointed by the National Council to look after the administration of the Church and acts at the bidding of the Council. The financial aspects of the Church are agreed and monitored by the National Council.

Not only do we abide by the UCGIA Rules of Association and our own Constitution, but we also follow the rules laid down by the Charity Commission and the laws of the land. Should the time ever come when we cannot function as a church to complete the task given to us under this construct, then we will surely pivot to a new model.

Council positions have become vacant this year due to terms expiring and through resignation. The tenure of Chairman, that I assumed from David Payne, is also expiring. The charity thrives by the input of the council members whomever they may be from time to time.

I thank ALL those who have given their time and effort in supporting the United Church of God BI – the Charity. Those who have been involved in the running of the Charity and the decisions made to further the Church's mission including but not limited to: the Feast of Tabernacles, Family Camp, specific training, and the preaching of the Gospel.

We live in an ever-changing world, and we need to be ready to address all of the challenges ahead without compromising our goals.

I will now hand you over to our CEO, David Fenney, to give you a more in-depth assessment of the functioning of the Church as a Charity.

### **3. CEO's report - David Fenney.**

The United Church of God in the British Isles continued to function through the 2023–2024 year. During the year, the Church held the 2023 Feast of Tabernacles at *The Prince of Wales Hotel* in Southport; a summer family camp at *The Wilderness Centre* in Gloucestershire; part-time office staff worked both in the office, and from home. The work of the Church in preaching the Gospel has continued, with Internet advertising and large-scale literature distribution.

This report covers the period July 2023 to June 2024. Here is a collection of statistics that presents a snapshot of UCG-BI as of June 2024:

- 192 members on file.
- 49 prospectives/associates on file.
- 175 donors on file.
- 139 co-workers on file.
- 5 congregations that meet in-person most weeks: Stirling, Ballymena, Gloucester, Bricket Wood, London.
- 1 congregation that meets in-person twice-a-month: Preston, which meets also on *Zoom* each week in a combination of members from Preston, Sheffield, Isle of Man, Ireland, and elsewhere in England. Note that as of July 2024, Preston congregation is now meeting in-person three times a month of two different locations.
- 10 elders/ministers, plus (8) wives, plus deacons (7) and deaconesses (8), serving in our congregations. David Payne, a long-serving elder and National Council member, died in May 2024. Two deacons were ordained during the year.
- *Beyond Today* magazine + *Supplement*, in 2023-2024 a total of 37,749 copies were distributed, an average of 6,292 per issue.
- The September/October 2024 *Beyond Today* + *Supplement* – the current issue – was mailed to 6,936 subscribers, of which 6,570 are in UK, 353 in Ireland, 13 in IOM.
- *United News*, mailed to 175 members' homes.
- *Bible Study Course*, mailed to 81 students; since the Course was introduced 7,115 students have received all 12 lessons and of those, 973 have completed and returned all 12 tests.
- *2023-2024 incoming mail*, a total of 9,166 items of mail – including 7,670 Internet responses and 1,496 postal items – were received.
- *2023-2024 outgoing mail*, a total of 8,623 envelopes were mailed out, containing 17,632 items of literature.
- *Internet advertising*: The total cost of the Google ads in the year was USD\$35,592, which were reimbursed to UCGIA, at a cost to UCG-BI of £28,879.
- £280,667 total estimated annual income for the 2023-2024 year.
- £308,667 total estimated annual expenditure for the 2023-2024 year.
- The Church's principal sources of income in the year were: direct donations, £178,482; Holy Day offerings £63,504; Gift Aid refunds, £28,754. These accounted for around 96% of total income in the year.
- Postage was UCG-BI's largest single expenditure item, at £54,947; with wages at £54,487; rent and utilities at £38,824. These three items accounted for 49% of expenditure in the year.
- For the last three years UCG-BI has not requested a direct financial subsidy from UCGIA, although we do receive from UCGIA without charge, extensive stocks of printed literature.

- The *Supplement* is written, composed, desktop-published, and printed commercially in the UK at UCG-BI expense.
- UCG-BI has 6 part-time employees; although it is essentially a volunteer organisation, including the work of the ministry and the National Council, which is the board of trustees of the UCG-BI registered charity.

## 1. Church/local congregations/work of the ministry:

- This area of the Church's work accounted for **30%** of expenditure (19% previous year).
- All congregations have continued to be supported, with the ministry or other speakers present for in-person or *Zoom* services wherever and whenever possible.
- Zoom* services linking Preston and Sheffield congregation members with members elsewhere in the British Isles, have continued weekly.
- The 2023 Feast of Tabernacles took place at *The Prince of Wales Hotel* in Southport, with *Zoom* connections to members at home. The 2024 Spring Holy Day services took place in-person and over *Zoom*.
- Congregational record-keeping is being formalised and enhanced to ensure the Church's database maintains an adequate "parish record" of all associated with the Church.
- Average in-person monthly attendance figures for all congregations began to be submitted to MMS in Cincinnati in January 2024, at the request of the UCGIA Council of Elders.
- A website page with contact and other details for every congregation is being worked on.
- Overall, UCG-BI is dependent on the work of volunteers in all areas of its operations. The ministry of the United Church of God in the British Isles is essentially unpaid.
- Since 2020 members have been encouraged to send their Holy Day offerings to the Church office, and directly into the Church's bank account if possible. This approach remains necessary due to the ever-growing challenge of finding convenient bank branches for congregational offerings to be paid into.
- The Church continues to rely on the support of local leaders within our congregations. The ministry has continued to review existing and future leadership needs.
- A Family Summer Camp took place at *The Wilderness Centre* in Gloucestershire in August 2023, attracting Church families from both the UK and several European countries.
- The newsletter *News & Events* has continued to be published on an as-needed basis and distributed to members both in the British Isles and to a sizeable list of recipients overseas who have an interest in, or a connection with, the Church in the British Isles. There were 6 issues of *News & Events* distributed during the 2023–2024 year. All communications from the UCGIA Cincinnati home office intended for the Church members were forwarded in a timely manner.
- Various meetings and discussions took place by *Zoom* during the year: ministerial, pastoral, National Council, Feast planning, personal counselling, midweek Bible studies, training sessions for speaking in Church.
- UCGIA president Rick Shabi and his wife Deborah visited the UK between Tuesday 18 and Monday 24 July 2023. During that period Mr and Mrs Shabi visited the Church office and its personnel in Chalfont St Giles, had lunch with the office staff, met with most members of the UCG-British Isles National Council in a *Zoom* meeting, met informally with local members, attended the Sabbath service with the combined Bricket Wood and London congregations, and participated in a meeting with the British Isles

ministry on Sunday 23 July 2023. On Wednesday 19 July Mr Shabi presented the fortnightly midweek Bible Study on *Zoom*; he also gave the Sabbath sermon in Bricket Wood on 22 July, connected by *Zoom* throughout the British Isles and beyond.

- o. A married couple from the UK attended the *Labor Day Training and Development Weekend* in Cincinnati in September 2023.
- p. Leadership training event: Elders and wives, deacons, deaconesses, and spouses, together with other congregational leaders from the British Isles congregations, assembled Friday 29 March to Monday 1 April at the Cresta Court Hotel in Altrincham, Greater Manchester, for a training and leadership development workshop. Including six guests from Cincinnati, a total of fifty-seven adults and eight children were present. Presentations were given by Rick Shabi, Darris McNeely, and Steve Myers from Cincinnati. Topics addressed included pastors as disciples, accountable elders, advancing the mission, a people for the vision, Church matters, ministerial matters, preparing for the future/mentoring, sonship or adoption, and the nature of Christ. Time was also allocated to question-and-answer discussions. The direct cost of the event with the hotel amounted to £24,847.00; additional costs, mainly attendees' travel and meals, brought the total cost to £30,000, met from UCG-BI restricted and ring-fenced funds.

## 2. Proclamation:

- a. This area of the Church's work accounted for **45%** of expenditure (50% previous year).
- b. We have continued to distribute *Beyond Today* magazine throughout the British Isles.
- c. The *British & European Supplement to Beyond Today* magazine has continued to be published. The continuing efforts of Barbara Fenney as editorial coordinator and Jan Schroeder as production manager, together with the efforts of writers and reviewers, are much appreciated. This publication continues to include articles presenting basic biblical knowledge with a Christian-living focus. Our website [ucg.org.uk](http://ucg.org.uk) has PDFs of most issues of the *Supplement* back to the January/February 2005 issue. Several articles from past issues of the *Supplement* have been used in UCGIA's *United News* and also in UCG-Australia's *Bible Insight's Weekly*.
- d. Circulation of *Beyond Today* magazine and the *Supplement* averaged 6,292 subscriber copies during the year, 6 issues: with a high of 6,959 and a low of 5,987. The number of Internet-only readers in the British Isles is not readily quantifiable.
- e. Internet advertising of Church publications continued throughout the year in the United Kingdom and Ireland, being undertaken on our behalf by the Media and Communications Services department in the UCGIA Cincinnati home office, at UCG-BI expense.
- f. Our historical magazine subscription renewal rate has never been higher than 30%, and since 2020 it has been in the range 3–10%, and in the 2023-2024 year averaged about 3%.
- g. In response to ongoing Internet advertising, the office has continued to receive requests for booklets and Bible study aids. In the 12-month period July 2023 to June 2024, the office mailed 6,854 booklets and study aids – 55 different titles – to those who requested them, up from 6,100 in the previous year. The five most requested titles this year were: *The Ten Commandments*, *The Book of Revelation Unveiled*, *Angels - God's Messengers and Spirit Army*, *You Can Have Living Faith*, *Is the Bible True?* These five accounted for 49% of all booklet mailings. The most requested title individually accounted for 16% of all booklet/study aid mailings.

- h. The subscriber mailing address carriers for *Beyond Today* and the *Supplement* have continued to have ‘ads’ for related literature and for UCGIA’s *Beyond Today* TV programme, in the form of ‘mini-advertorials’. This no-cost advertising has borne good fruit, and we have continued with it. Subscribers use the carriers to request literature that is offered; some returned carriers include comments that are included in the letters page of the *Supplement* or are sent on to the Cincinnati home office. Recently, the text of carriers has been posted on the [ucg.org.uk](http://ucg.org.uk) website, under the News & Events section of the About Us tab.

### 3. Administration:

- a. This area of the Church’s work accounted for 25% of expenditure (31% previous year).
- b. The continuing efforts of our office manager Mrs Jan Schroeder to support the office functions are much appreciated.
- c. The office, with both part-time employees, and volunteers who come into the office and who also work from home, has continued to meet the various demands placed on it. Recently, the ill-health of one regular volunteer has impacted the mailing work of the office. Workarounds and the assistance of other local volunteers has allowed work to continue.
- d. Mailing literature from the Church office continues to be a weekly task. While the bulk mailing of the *Beyond Today* magazine and *Supplement* continues to be contracted to a commercial organisation, *First Move* in High Wycombe, requests for new subscriptions to *Beyond Today* magazine and back issue requests, are mailed directly from the Church office.
- e. Office equipment: ongoing upgrades to office equipment were made as required. In addition, we are grateful for the ongoing help and support of UCGIA’s IT personnel.
- f. UCG-BI continues to rent office space at Peterson House in Chalfont St Giles. This lease has been renewed for several years on an annual basis, with the current lease running to February 2025, which will be renewed again shortly.
- g. UCG-BI continues to rent a business unit in Warrington. We use this unit for storage of Church property, records, and equipment. This workshop unit has electrical power and plumbed facilities, plus a loading bay. The current 3-year lease for this unit runs to June 2026.
- h. In consequence of the level of donation and other income, together with our budgeted expenditure as primarily a volunteer organisation, for a third successive year UCG-BI did not request an annual *International Subsidy* from UCGIA for 2023–2024. This year, along with budgetary data, Cincinnati requested extensive information from all international areas, for review by the UCGIA’s president and Council of Elders.
- i. *Primus Accountancy* in Golborne, Greater Manchester, was engaged to review the 2022-2023 accounts, and will shortly start work on the 2023-2024 accounts.
- j. HSBC “Safeguard” requirements: UCG-BI has been required by HSBC bank to update certain basic information about our organisation and its “connected parties”, in our case our trustees. HSBC stated they require this because “As part of our commitment to fight fraud and financial crime, we need to make sure we hold the right information about you and your organisation. Having accurate information about all our customers is a key part of our ability to detect and deter fraudulent transactions, money laundering and tax evasion. So, from time to time, we’ll ask you to confirm, update or

give us new information. This is what we call Safeguard.” As further motivation to comply with this request, HSBC added the statement “Although its rare, we must inform you a possible outcome of the review is we may decide to no longer provide banking services for your organisation – even if you’ve provided us with all the information we asked for.” The completed information package was submitted to HSBC on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024 and is being reviewed.

### Thanks!

- I would like to thank the members and supporters of the Church and the Charity for their continued support, encouragement, involvement in the work of the Church.
- I would also like to thank the home office personnel of UCGIA, together with the Council of Elders and the administration, for their support, advice and sharing of ideas, for the *ucg.org* website, and for printed literature supplies – *Beyond Today* magazines, booklets, study aids, *Bible Study Course* lessons, and other items – provided without charge to UCG-BI.

## CEO’s business plan David Fenney

### CEO’s business plan

Now well into the 2024–2025 financial year, the work of the United Church of God – British Isles is continuing. We are aware of our Mission statement: “The mission of the United Church of God, *an International Association*, is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God in all the world, make disciples in all nations and care for those disciples.”

During this year, we will continue to preach the gospel and prepare a people, by placing a high priority on finding, developing, training, encouraging, and mentoring more leaders, speakers, and administrators. We will continue to use the skills, abilities, talents, and spiritual gifts of those God has placed within this Church – even enhancing those skills where possible.

I have reported on previous occasions that our key challenges include the need to:

1. Equip the saints for the work of the Church in terms of identifying, training, developing, and mentoring teachers and leaders from among those God has called to us.
2. Inspire others to carry on the work of this present generation of volunteer administrators, that they in turn might contribute to our support structure at all levels.
3. Foster a welcoming Church environment in our present and potential future congregations that will encourage the interest, growth and development of people who contact us in response to God’s calling and our preaching of the Gospel.

### **1. Church/local congregations/work of the ministry:**

- a. **26%** of the Church’s overall expenditure budget has been proposed for this area.
- b. The immediate challenges remain those of supporting our congregations; preparing to welcome potential new attendees; continuing to use *Zoom* to link with members at home.

- c. The Church continue to receive requests for information about services from both members and others who are remote from our existing congregations. Inviting such people to be part of our Church services via *Zoom* provides us with an opportunity to interact with them.
- d. Stemming from the leadership training event earlier in 2024, initiatives related to the use of social media and training in public speaking are being developed.
- e. Attention is still needed to enhance congregational record-keeping such as Sabbath and Holy Day attendances, numbers of new contacts, births and deaths, ages of children.
- f. Congregational midweek Bible Studies over *Zoom* are continuing, usually on a fortnightly basis and with occasion breaks throughout the year.
- g. Continuing pastoral development is necessary, together with the encouragement and motivation of existing members to support the work of the Church. Member training that addresses congregational, administrative, ministerial, and pastoral needs must also continue.
- h. The Church will continue to encourage suitable individuals and couples to attend UCGIA's training activities, as opportunities present themselves.
- i. The Feast of Tabernacles will take place this year, 2024, at *The Prince of Wales Hotel* in Southport, with a full schedule of Church services and social activities and with overseas visitors expected. *Zoom* connections to the services will be arranged for those at home during the Feast.
- j. Locations for the Feast of Tabernacles in 2025 and 2026 have been considered by the ministry, with a return to Llandudno in North Wales proposed for 2025, and a venue in Aviemore, Scotland, being considered for 2026. Feast site selection and overall planning for the Feast remains a standing function of the ministry, in liaison with the National Council.
- k. A family camp activity took place at *Dalesdown*, Horsham, West Sussex in August 2024. With the current demographics within our Church community, it is anticipated that similar activities will continue in the coming years.
- l. The Church needs to produce regular member and co-worker letters. Ideally, these would be produced either by personnel in the British Isles or by the adaption of equivalent letters from UCGIA. These letters and other information updates can be posted on the *ucg.org.uk* website.
- m. Following the leadership training event in March/April, there will likely be a follow-up two-day meeting of the UCG-BI ministry at the end of December 2024 with pastoral personnel from Cincinnati.

## 2. Proclamation:

- a. **48%** of the Church's expenditure budget has been proposed for this area.
- b. Our *Beyond Today* magazine subscriber list in the UK and Ireland stands around 6,900 for the September-October 2024 issue.
- c. The July/August 2024 issue of the *Supplement* was its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary issue.
- d. Our subscriber list has fluctuated over time – historically, it has been as low as 1,500 and as high as 12,000. A large majority of our subscribers are neither Church members nor connected with the Church in any way. While explicit subscription cancellations

are regularly received, they remain relatively low numbers and have not noticeably increased in recent times.

- e. Maintaining and increasing that circulation level remains a priority. We will continue to use Internet advertising as our primary advertising tool and will continue to fund the UCGIA Home Office to do this advertising on our behalf. In addition, we need to consider possibilities for increasing our renewal rate, which is currently around 3%.
- f. The current widespread adoption and availability of video streaming allows ready access to UCGIA's video tools: *Beyond Today* television, *Biblical Worldview*, *Magnified*, Sermons and Bible Studies. We will advertise these tools in our mailing address carriers and on our *ucg.org.uk* website.
- g. One outcome from the leadership training event earlier this year was the establishment of a UCG-BI social media committee. The committee is working to establish strategies for corporate, congregational, and individual use of social media of behalf of UCG-BI.
- h. Should UCGIA publish any new booklets or study aids during the year, we will make copies available to our members and advertise them to our overall mailing list.
- i. The subscriber mailing address carriers for the *Beyond Today* magazine will continue to carry no-cost 'ads' offering literature or highlighting the *Beyond Today* TV programme, and adapted content from the carriers will continue to be posted on the *ucg.org.uk* website.
- j. Our writing skills will continue to be encouraged, developed, and enhanced. Articles for the *Supplement*, mini-advertorials for mailing address carriers and blogs for the *ucg.org.uk* website, are all needed – in the form of concise, yet challenging inspiring and encouraging, biblically-based Christian-living material for both the 'un-churched' and the 'mainstream-churched' audiences.

### 3. Administration:

- a. **26%** of the Church's expenditure budget has been proposed for this area.
- b. Concerning office workload generally: the Peterson House office is still a part-time work environment, with personnel typically working three days per week.
- c. Office personnel, including the CEO and Treasurer, will continue to support activities such as: Database maintenance; Accounts records and bill-paying; Donations and Holy Day offerings records; Website content management and maintenance; Safeguarding policies, procedures, and record-keeping; Payroll and associated matters; Gift Aid and associated record-keeping.
- d. The office PC network requires a project of work, for replacing elderly equipment, for enhancing backup arrangements, and to allow additional remote access by staff working from home. In addition, upgrades to office systems in UCGIA's Cincinnati home office may require corresponding updates to UCG-BI office systems. Contact has been made with UCGIA's IT personnel regarding details. Also, the implications for the Church of Microsoft's decision to no longer support Windows 10 beyond 2025 will need to be considered.
- e. Both UCGIA and the UCG-BI National Council require that the Church functions in compliance with various policies and procedures: for example, policies for personnel,

- travel and subsistence, health and safety, safeguarding. While UCG-BI does function in compliance with such policies and procedures, ongoing work is needed: (1) to keep our policies up to date, (2) to keep our personnel up to date with sensitive Church-wide matters such as safeguarding. These topics are overseen by the National Council.
- f. The ministry, with the National Council and administration personnel, need to review and update a formal Strategic Plan for UCG-BI.
  - g. Particularly for functions such as safeguarding, training of suitable Church members is needed on an on-going basis. For safeguarding, the Church will make use of the seminars and courses that are offered by *thirtyone:eight*, of which UCG-BI is a member and which supports us in our *Disclosure and Barring Service* checking needs.
  - h. The *ucg.org.uk* website needs ongoing enhancement with topical content, together with Church news, local sermons, and other messages.
  - i. UCG-BI has a long-standing goal of ending its request for a financial subsidy from UCGIA. The non-financial subsidy we receive from UCGIA in the form of literature stocks sent to us without charge will likely remain.
  - j. General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), work has been underway to remove old data from our database and to implement enhancements to our record-keeping and records storage facilities. We have been and will continue to encourage the use of corporate email addresses by all those who are involved with working with the Church's data records in their various forms.
  - k. The current lease of Peterson House in Chalfont St Giles will expire in February 2025; office staff will arrange another lease extension.

## Conclusion

Here and around the world, we are witnessing dramatic cultural changes. It is as though all aspects of the familiar past are being forgotten, replaced, redrawn, obliterated, cancelled. Ties that bind people together are being broken, often with enthusiasm.

Yet the Church's work assignment remains unchanged. It is to preach the established and unchanging gospel; to make disciples, to baptise and teach them; to maintain our physical and ethical foundations and to keep our spiritual equipment in constant readiness; to press on with the work our sponsor wants to find us 'so doing' when he comes.

One day, a voice will ring out saying "well done, good and faithful servant" and our current work will be completed, but we will not be stood down: having proved ourselves, we will simply be reassigned to ongoing aspects of our Master's business.

In that context, let us indeed press on with our Master's work.

Meeting finished at 20.25 and Zoom meeting closed.

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**UNITED CHURCH OF GOD BRITISH ISLES  
CHARITY NO: 1079192**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

**United Church of God British Isles  
Contents of the Accounts  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2024**

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**United Church of God British Isles  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2024**

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**Charity's Principal Address**

Peterson House, The Green  
High Street, Chalfont St Giles  
Buckinghamshire, HP8 4QF

**Bankers**

HSBC, 9 Penn Road, Beaconsfield  
Buckinghamshire, HP9 2PT

**Charity Trustees**

D Fenney (Chief Executive Officer)

J Godfrey (Chairman Appointed)

B Crook

B Ellams

D Richardson (Appointed 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023)

United Church of God British Isles  
Accounts Approval Statement  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2024

We approve these accounts which comprise an Income and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet and related notes.  
We acknowledge our responsibility for the accounts including the provision of all the information and explanations necessary for the completion.

Signed

B Fenney B Fenney (Treasurer)

J Godfrey J Godfrey (Chairman)

B Crook B Crook (Member)

4 March 2025 Date

**United Church of God British Isles  
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2024**

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees**

We report to the trustees on our examination of the accounts of the above charity, United Church of God - British Isles, for the year ended 30th June 2024.

**Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

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").

We report in respect of our examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out our examination, we have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the Act.

**Independent Examiners Statement**

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examinations which gives us 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 accounting records

Signed

Primus 04/03/2025

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Primus Accountancy LLP  
82 High Street  
Golborne  
Warrington  
WA3 3DA

**United Church of God British Isles  
Income and Expenditure Account  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2024**

|                                                   | <b>2024</b> |                | <b>2023</b> |                |
|---------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
|                                                   | £           | £              | £           | £              |
| <b>Income</b>                                     |             |                |             |                |
| General Income -                                  |             | 177,028        |             | 149,383        |
| Holy Day Offerings -                              |             | 68,237         |             | 68,083         |
| Gift Aid Refunds -                                |             | 28,754         |             | 24,119         |
| Festival Donations -                              |             | 2,652          |             | 1,940          |
| Welfare General -                                 |             | 490            |             | 966            |
| Legacies and Bequests -                           |             | 5,000          |             | -              |
|                                                   |             | <u>282,161</u> |             | <u>244,491</u> |
| <b>Other Operating Income</b>                     |             |                |             |                |
| Miscellaneous Income -                            | 350         |                | 227         |                |
|                                                   |             | <u>350</u>     |             | <u>227</u>     |
|                                                   |             | <u>282,511</u> |             | <u>244,718</u> |
| <b>Other Income</b>                               |             |                |             |                |
| Bank Interest Received -                          |             | 729            |             | 326            |
|                                                   |             | <u>283,240</u> |             | <u>245,044</u> |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                                |             |                |             |                |
| Church: Church Administration -                   | 37,930      |                | 568         |                |
| Church: Local Church Wages -                      | 8,351       |                | 7,738       |                |
| Church: Local Church Travel and Subsistence -     | 4,711       |                | 2,006       |                |
| Church: Local Church Hall Hire -                  | 29,591      |                | 15,298      |                |
| Church: Local Church Miscellaneous -              | 591         |                | 161         |                |
| Church: Youth -                                   | 11,103      |                | (166)       |                |
| Church: Festivals -                               | 5,507       |                | 10,080      |                |
| Church: Welfare and Assistance -                  | 220         |                | -           |                |
| Proclamation: Media -                             | 30,186      |                | 21,209      |                |
| Proclamation: Publications Wages -                | 30,729      |                | 28,271      |                |
| Proclamation: Travel -                            | 827         |                | 814         |                |
| Proclamation: Publications Postage and Shipping - | 52,181      |                | 47,547      |                |
| Proclamation: Publications Contracted Services -  | 8,480       |                | 8,498       |                |
| Proclamation: Printing and Pre-Press -            | 10,172      |                | 9,912       |                |
| Proclamation: Envelopes and Literature -          | 2,087       |                | 1,294       |                |
| Proclamation: Publications Supplies               | -           |                | 41          |                |
| Administration: Wages -                           | 23,779      |                | 20,349      |                |
| Administration: Premises Rent etc -               | 38,050      |                | 36,586      |                |
| Administration: Telephone -                       | 1,263       |                | 1,269       |                |
| Administration: Travel Costs -                    | 704         |                | 107         |                |
| Administration: Contracted Services -             | 218         |                | 218         |                |
| Administration: Equipment and Supplies -          | 7,774       |                | -           |                |
| Administration: Professional Fees -               | 1,652       |                | 1,577       |                |
| Administration: All Other-                        | 775         |                | 8,197       |                |

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**United Church of God British Isles  
Income and Expenditure Account (continued)  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2024**

|                                        |                 |                |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Administration: Bank charges -         | 1,081           | 1,132          |
| Administration: All Other              | -               | 1              |
| Administration: Suspense/Mispostings - | 117             | 354            |
|                                        | <u>308,079</u>  | <u>223,061</u> |
|                                        | (24,839)        | 21,983         |
| <b>Depreciation</b>                    |                 |                |
| Administration: Depreciation -         | 590             | 648            |
|                                        | <u>590</u>      | <u>648</u>     |
| <b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>         | <u>(25,429)</u> | <u>21,335</u>  |

**United Church of God British Isles  
Balance Sheet  
As At 30 June 2024**

|                                              |              | <b>2024</b>    |                 | <b>2023</b>    |                |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                              | <b>Notes</b> | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>        | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                          |              |                |                 |                |                |
| Tangible Assets                              | <b>2</b>     |                | <b>1,771</b>    |                | <b>1,943</b>   |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                        |              |                |                 |                |                |
| Other debtors                                |              | <b>7,082</b>   |                 | <b>6,709</b>   |                |
| Cash at bank and in hand                     |              | <b>256,714</b> |                 | <b>280,748</b> |                |
|                                              |              | <b>263,796</b> |                 | <b>287,457</b> |                |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>                   |              |                |                 |                |                |
| Trade creditors                              |              | <b>1,416</b>   |                 | <b>1</b>       |                |
| Other creditors                              |              | <b>1,440</b>   |                 | <b>1,260</b>   |                |
|                                              |              | <b>2,856</b>   |                 | <b>1,261</b>   |                |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>                    |              |                | <b>260,940</b>  |                | <b>286,196</b> |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> |              |                | <b>262,711</b>  |                | <b>288,139</b> |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                            |              |                | <b>262,711</b>  |                | <b>288,139</b> |
| <b>FUNDS</b>                                 |              |                |                 |                |                |
| Balance at 1 July 2023                       |              |                | <b>288,140</b>  |                | <b>266,804</b> |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the period/year        |              |                | <b>(25,429)</b> |                | <b>21,335</b>  |
| <b>Balance Carried Forward</b>               |              |                | <b>262,711</b>  |                | <b>288,139</b> |

**United Church of God British Isles**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For The Year Ended 30 June 2024**

**1. Accounting Policy**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities and the Charities SORP.

|                                             |             |             |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Independent Examiners Remuneration</b>   | <b>2024</b> | <b>2023</b> |
|                                             | £           | £           |
| Examination fee paid                        | 1,440       | 1,260       |
| <b>Employee Remuneration</b>                | <b>2024</b> | <b>2023</b> |
|                                             | £           | £           |
| Total amounts paid to employees             | 62,859      | 56,358      |
| Average number of employees during the year | 6           | 6           |

**2. Tangible Assets**

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                            | <b>Fixtures &amp; Fittings</b> |
|                            | <b>£</b>                       |
| <b>Cost</b>                |                                |
| As at 1 July 2023          | 20,868                         |
| Additions                  | 418                            |
| As at 30 June 2024         | <u>21,286</u>                  |
| <b>Depreciation</b>        |                                |
| As at 1 July 2023          | 18,925                         |
| Provided during the period | 590                            |
| As at 30 June 2024         | <u>19,515</u>                  |
| <b>Net Book Value</b>      |                                |
| As at 30 June 2024         | <u>1,771</u>                   |
| As at 1 July 2023          | <u>1,943</u>                   |

Depreciation is charged at a rate of 25% per annum on a reducing balance basis.

**United Church of God British Isles**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For The Year Ended 30 June 2024**

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**3. Statement of Financial Activities**

|                                     | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | 2024<br>Total<br>£ | 2023<br>Total<br>£ |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>           |                            |                          |                    |                    |
| Other Income                        | 277,970                    | -                        | 277,970            | 244,078            |
| Donations                           | -                          | 5,270                    | 5,270              | 966                |
| <b>Resources expended</b>           |                            |                          |                    |                    |
| Other expenditure                   | (278,669)                  | -                        | (278,669)          | (223,709)          |
| Church training                     | -                          | (30,000)                 | (30,000)           | -                  |
| <b>Funds</b>                        |                            |                          |                    |                    |
| Net movement in funds               | (699)                      | (24,730)                 | (25,429)           | 21,335             |
| Fund balance brought forward        | 249,173                    | 38,966                   | 288,139            | 266,804            |
| <b>Fund balance carried forward</b> |                            |                          |                    |                    |
| As at 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2024    | <u>248,474</u>             | <u>14,236</u>            | <u>262,710</u>     | <u>288,139</u>     |

**UNITED CHURCH OF GOD BRITISH ISLES  
CHARITY NO: 1079192**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS  
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**United Church of God British Isles  
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United Church of God British Isles  
Accounts Approval Statement  
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B Fenney B Fenney (Treasurer)

J Godfrey J Godfrey (Chairman)

B Crook B Crook (Member)

4 March 2025 Date

**United Church of God British Isles  
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2024**

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees**

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**United Church of God British Isles  
Income and Expenditure Account  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2024**

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| Administration: All Other-                        | 775         |                | 8,197       |                |

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**United Church of God British Isles  
Income and Expenditure Account (continued)  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2024**

|                                        |                 |                |
|----------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Administration: Bank charges -         | 1,081           | 1,132          |
| Administration: All Other              | -               | 1              |
| Administration: Suspense/Mispostings - | 117             | 354            |
|                                        | <u>308,079</u>  | <u>223,061</u> |
|                                        | (24,839)        | 21,983         |
| <b>Depreciation</b>                    |                 |                |
| Administration: Depreciation -         | 590             | 648            |
|                                        | <u>590</u>      | <u>648</u>     |
| <b>NET SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)</b>         | <u>(25,429)</u> | <u>21,335</u>  |

**United Church of God British Isles  
Balance Sheet  
As At 30 June 2024**

|                                              |              | <b>2024</b>    |                | <b>2023</b>    |                |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                              | <b>Notes</b> | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>       |
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                          |              |                |                |                |                |
| Tangible Assets                              | 2            |                | 1,771          |                | 1,943          |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                        |              |                |                |                |                |
| Other debtors                                |              | 7,082          |                | 6,709          |                |
| Cash at bank and in hand                     |              | 256,714        |                | 280,748        |                |
|                                              |              | <u>263,796</u> |                | <u>287,457</u> |                |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>                   |              |                |                |                |                |
| Trade creditors                              |              | 1,416          |                | 1              |                |
| Other creditors                              |              | 1,440          |                | 1,260          |                |
|                                              |              | <u>2,856</u>   |                | <u>1,261</u>   |                |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>                    |              |                | <u>260,940</u> |                | <u>286,196</u> |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> |              |                | <u>262,711</u> |                | <u>288,139</u> |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                            |              |                | <u>262,711</u> |                | <u>288,139</u> |
| <b>FUNDS</b>                                 |              |                |                |                |                |
| Balance at 1 July 2023                       |              |                | 288,140        |                | 266,804        |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the period/year        |              |                | (25,429)       |                | 21,335         |
| <b>Balance Carried Forward</b>               |              |                | <u>262,711</u> |                | <u>288,139</u> |

**United Church of God British Isles**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For The Year Ended 30 June 2024**

**1. Accounting Policy**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities and the Charities SORP.

|                                             |             |             |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Independent Examiners Remuneration</b>   | <b>2024</b> | <b>2023</b> |
|                                             | £           | £           |
| Examination fee paid                        | 1,440       | 1,260       |
| <b>Employee Remuneration</b>                | <b>2024</b> | <b>2024</b> |
|                                             | £           | £           |
| Total amounts paid to employees             | 62,859      | 56,358      |
| Average number of employees during the year | 6           | 6           |

**2. Tangible Assets**

|                            |                                    |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
|                            | <b>Fixtures &amp;<br/>Fittings</b> |
|                            | <b>£</b>                           |
| <b>Cost</b>                |                                    |
| As at 1 July 2023          | 20,868                             |
| Additions                  | 418                                |
| As at 30 June 2024         | <u>21,286</u>                      |
| <b>Depreciation</b>        |                                    |
| As at 1 July 2023          | 18,925                             |
| Provided during the period | 590                                |
| As at 30 June 2024         | <u>19,515</u>                      |
| <b>Net Book Value</b>      |                                    |
| As at 30 June 2024         | <u>1,771</u>                       |
| As at 1 July 2023          | <u>1,943</u>                       |

Depreciation is charged at a rate of 25% per annum on a reducing balance basis.

**United Church of God British Isles**  
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**3. Statement of Financial Activities**

|                                     | Unrestricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | 2024<br>Total<br>£ | 2023<br>Total<br>£ |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Incoming Resources</b>           |                            |                          |                    |                    |
| Other Income                        | 277,970                    | -                        | 277,970            | 244,078            |
| Donations                           | -                          | 5,270                    | 5,270              | 966                |
| <b>Resources expended</b>           |                            |                          |                    |                    |
| Other expenditure                   | (278,669)                  | -                        | (278,669)          | (223,709)          |
| Church training                     | -                          | (30,000)                 | (30,000)           | -                  |
| <b>Funds</b>                        |                            |                          |                    |                    |
| Net movement in funds               | (699)                      | (24,730)                 | (25,429)           | 21,335             |
| Fund balance brought forward        | 249,173                    | 38,966                   | 288,139            | 266,804            |
| <b>Fund balance carried forward</b> |                            |                          |                    |                    |
| As at 30 <sup>th</sup> June 2024    | <u>248,474</u>             | <u>14,236</u>            | <u>262,710</u>     | <u>288,139</u>     |

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**Chairman's Report – Jason Godfrey**

Greetings! I would like to welcome everyone to the Annual General Meeting of the Charity, the United Church of God – British Isles.

Under current Charity status the Church is able to function as a religious organisation with all that that involves to Us and Our mission in the regions of the British Isles. The Charity organises the day to day running of the Church through the CEO appointed by the National Council to look after the administration of the Church. In addition, other members execute a number of critical roles within this administration to deliver the Church's aims. To ensure continuity in all roles of the Charity it is imperative that we encourage others, particularly the younger generations, to become involved in the governing bodies of the Church. I thank all who have been involved in the running of the Charity and the decisions made to further the Church's mission namely, the Feast of Tabernacles, Family Camp, specific training, and the preaching of the Gospel.

I would like to thank David Payne, previous Chairman, for his personal dedication over many years and for his continual, successful work within the Charity. He left the model in good stead enabling a very smooth transition to myself. Apart from vacating the role of Chairman, Mr Payne has also resigned from his role as Executive Board Member. We are grateful for the legacy and example left to us.

I will now hand you over to our CEO, David Fenney, to give you a more in depth assessment of the functioning of the Church as a Charity.

**CEO's report – David Fenney**

The United Church of God in the British Isles has continued to function through the 2022–2023 year. During the year, the Church held the 2022 Feast of Tabernacles at the *St George's Hotel* in Llandudno; part-time office staff worked both in the office, and from home. The work of the Church in preaching the Gospel has continued, with Internet advertising and large-scale literature distribution.

This report covers the period July 2022 to June 2023. Here is a collection of statistics that presents a snapshot of UCG-BI as of June 2023:

- 187 members on file.
- 45 prospectives/associates on file.
- 177 donors on file.
- 139 co-workers on file.
- 5 congregations that meet in-person most weeks: Stirling, Ballymena, Gloucester, Bricket Wood, London.
- 1 congregation that meets in-person twice-a-month: Preston, which meets also on *Zoom* each week in a combination of members from Preston, Sheffield, Isle of Man, Ireland, Wales and elsewhere in England.
- 11 elders/ministers, plus (7) wives, plus deacons (7) and deaconesses (8), serving in our congregations.
- *Beyond Today* magazine + *Supplement*, in 2022-2023 a total of 39,286 copies were distributed, an average of 6,548 average per issue.

- The July/August 2023 *Beyond Today + Supplement* was mailed to 6,190 subscribers, of which 5,824 were in UK, 345 in Ireland, 14 in IOM.
- The September/October *Beyond Today + Supplement* is expected to be mailed to 6,208 subscribers, of which 5,845 are in UK, 342 in Ireland, 14 in IOM.
- *United News*, mailed to 174 members' homes.
- *Bible Study Course*, mailed to 75 students; since the Course was introduced 7,085 students have received all 12 lessons and of those, 965 have completed and returned all 12 lessons.
- 2022-2023 *incoming mail*, a total of 5,648 items of mail – including 4,496 Internet responses and 1,152 postal items – were received.
- 2022-2023 *outgoing mail*, a total of 5,126 envelopes were mailed out, containing 10,403 items of literature.
- *Internet advertising*: The total cost of the Google ads in the year was USD\$24,754.72, which were reimbursed to UCGIA, at a cost to UCG-BI of £20,615.87.
- £231,575 total estimated annual income for the 2022-2023 year.
- £225,334 total estimated annual expenditure for the 2022-2023 year.
- The Church's principal sources of income in the year were: direct donations, £142,000; Holy Day offerings £62,000; Gift Aid refunds, £24,000. These accounted for around 99% of total income in the year.
- Postage was UCG-BI's largest single expenditure item, at £51,820; with wages at £44,840; rent and utilities at £34,710. These three items accounted for almost 60% of expenditure in the year.
- For the last couple of years UCG-BI has not requested a direct financial subsidy from UCGIA, although we do receive from UCGIA without charge, extensive stocks of printed literature.
- The *Supplement* is written, composed, desktop-published, and printed commercially in the UK at UCG-BI expense.
- UCG-BI has 6 part-time employees; although it is essentially a volunteer organisation, including the work of the ministry and the National Council, which is the board of trustees of the UCG-BI registered charity.

#### 1. Church/local congregations/work of the ministry:

- a. This area of the Church's work accounted for **19%** of expenditure (18% previous year).
- b. All congregations have continued to be supported, with the ministry or other speakers present for in-person or *Zoom* services wherever and whenever possible.
- c. *Zoom* services linking Preston and Sheffield congregation members with members elsewhere in the British Isles, have continued weekly.
- d. The Feast of Tabernacles took place as an in-person meeting at the *St George's Hotel* in Llandudno, with *Zoom* connections to members at home. The 2023 Spring Holy Day services took place both in-person and over *Zoom*.
- e. Overall, UCG-BI is dependent on the work of volunteers in all areas of its operations. The ministry of the United Church of God in the British Isles is essentially unpaid.
- f. Since 2020 members have been encouraged to send their Holy Day offerings to the Church office, and directly into the Church's bank account if possible. This approach has continued due to the ever-growing challenge of finding convenient bank branches for congregational offerings to be paid into.
- g. The Church continues to rely on the support of local leaders within our congregations. The ministry has continued to review existing and future leadership needs.

- h. A Family Summer Camp took place in August 2022, attracting Church families from both the UK and several European countries.
- i. Various meetings and discussions took place by *Zoom* during the year: ministerial, pastoral, National Council, Feast planning, personal counselling.
- j. During the year copying and distribution of sermon DVDs to members within the British Isles ceased.
- k. The ordination of an elder, Jason Godfrey, took place during the year.
- l. Ministerial meetings: The British Isles ministry met by *Zoom* on Monday 3 June: The purpose of that meeting was to discuss some local 'housekeeping' ministerial matters and to prepare for a visit to the UK by Mr and Mrs Shabi. An in-person meeting of the British Isles ministry, together with guests Mr and Mrs Shabi, was held on Sunday 23 July.
- m. UCGIA president Rick Shabi and his wife Deborah visited the UK between Tuesday 18 and Monday 24 July. During that period Mr and Mrs Shabi visited the Church office and its personnel in Chalfont St Giles, had lunch with the office staff, met with most members of the UCG-British Isles National Council in a *Zoom* meeting, met informally with local members, attended the Sabbath service with the combined Bricket Wood and London congregations, and participated in a meeting with the British Isles ministry. On Wednesday 19 July Mr Shabi presented the fortnightly midweek Bible Study on *Zoom*; he also gave the Sabbath sermon in Bricket Wood on 22 July, connected by *Zoom* throughout the British Isles and beyond.
- n. The newsletter *News & Events* has continued to be published on an as-needed basis and distributed to members both in the British Isles and to a sizeable list of recipients overseas who have an interest in, or a connection with, the Church in the British Isles. There were 7 issues of *News & Events* distributed during the 2022–2023 year. All communications from the UCGIA Cincinnati home office intended for the Church members were forwarded in a timely manner.
- o. With *Zoom*, a fortnightly midweek Bible Study was available to members, and another training session about *Speaking in Church* has been presented.
- p. One member from the UK attended the *Labor Day Training and Development Weekend* in Cincinnati in September 2022, and a married couple attended the recent 2023 event.
- q. During the year one-to-one mentoring of the recently appointed chairman of the National Council, who is also serving as Festival Coordinator for the 2023 Feast in Southport, has been taking place.

## 2. Proclamation:

- a. This area of the Church's work accounted for **50%** of expenditure (53% previous year).
- b. We have continued to distribute *Beyond Today* magazine throughout the British Isles.
- c. The *British & European Supplement to Beyond Today* magazine has continued to be published. The continuing efforts of Barbara Fenney as editorial coordinator and Jan Schroeder as production manager, together with the efforts of writers and reviewers, are much appreciated. This publication continues to include articles presenting basic biblical knowledge with a Christian-living focus. Our website [ucg.org.uk](http://ucg.org.uk) has PDFs of most issues of the *Supplement* back to the January/February 2005 issue. At least two articles from the *Supplement* were used in UCGIA's *United News* this year.

- d. Circulation of *Beyond Today* magazine and the *Supplement* averaged 6,548 subscriber copies during the year, 6 issues: with a high of 7,514 and a low of 5,771. The number of Internet-only readers in the British Isles is not readily quantifiable.
- e. Internet advertising of Church publications continued throughout the year in the United Kingdom and Ireland, being undertaken on our behalf by the Media and Communications Services department in the UCGIA Cincinnati home office, at UCG-BI expense.
- f. Our historical magazine subscription renewal rate has never been higher than 30%, and since 2020 it has been in the range 3–10%, although a response rate of 16% was seen for the small batch of May/June 2023 renewals.
- g. In response to ongoing Internet advertising, the office has continued to receive requests for booklets and Bible study aids. In the 12-month period July 2022 to June 2023, the office mailed 6,100 booklets and study aids to those who requested them, down from 8,140 in the previous year. The four most requested titles this year were: *The Ten Commandments*, *You Can Have Living Faith*, *The Book of Revelation Unveiled*, *Angels - God's Messengers and Spirit Army*. These four accounted for 42% of all booklet mailings.
- h. The subscriber mailing address carriers for *Beyond Today* and the *Supplement* have continued to have 'ads' for related literature and for UCGIA's *Beyond Today* TV programme, in the form of 'mini-advertorials'. This no-cost advertising has borne good fruit and we have continued with it. Subscribers use the carriers to request literature that is offered; some returned carriers include comments that are included in the letters page of the *Supplement* or are sent on to the Cincinnati home office.

### 3. Administration:

- a. This area of the Church's work accounted for **31%** of expenditure (29% previous year).
- b. The continuing efforts of our office manager Mrs Jan Schroeder to support the office functions are much appreciated.
- c. The office, with both part-time employees, and volunteers who come into the office and who also work from home, has continued to meet the various demands placed on it. The availability and accessibility of bank branches for paying in cheque and cash donations received through the mail continues to be of concern to office personnel. One batch of three cheques received in the Church office and sent to our bank using the facility offered by the Post Office, did not reach our HSBC account. We were advised to contact the donors to let them know their cheques were presumed lost.
- d. Mailing literature from the Church office continues to be a weekly task. While the bulk mailing of the *Beyond Today* magazine and *Supplement* continues to be contracted to a commercial organisation, *First Move* in High Wycombe, requests for new subscriptions to *Beyond Today* magazine and back issue requests, are mailed directly from the Church office.
- e. Office equipment: ongoing upgrades to office equipment are made as required. In addition, we are grateful for the ongoing help and support of UCGIA's IT personnel.
- f. UCG-BI continues to rent office space at Peterson House in Chalfont St Giles. This lease has been renewed for several years on an annual basis, with the current lease running to February 2024.

- g. UCG-BI continues to rent a business unit in Warrington. We use this unit for storage of Church property, records, and equipment. This workshop unit has electrical power and plumbed facilities, plus a loading bay. The current 3-year lease for this unit runs to June 2026. In December 2022 a period of freezing weather resulted in a water leak close to an outside wall of the unit. No damage resulted either inside the unit or outside as the bulk of the leaking water flowed outside of the building into a drain. The total cost of remedial work was £454.
- h. In consequence of the level of donation and other income, together with our budgeted expenditure, for a second successive year the National Council decided not to request an annual *International Subsidy* from UCGIA for 2022–2023.
- i. The Church's accountant, who has reviewed the UCG-BI accounts for over 20 years, retired during the year. Another accounting business will be approached regarding the review of the 2022-2023 accounts.
- j. UCG-BI had a charity account with *Amazon Smile*, which was closed in February 2023.

### Thanks!

- I would like to thank the members and supporters of the Church and the Charity for their continued support, encouragement, involvement in the work of the Church.
  - I would also like to thank the home office personnel of UCGIA, together with the Council of Elders and the administration, for their support, advice and sharing of ideas, for the *ucg.org* website, and for printed literature supplies – *Beyond Today* magazines, booklets, study aids, *Bible Study Course* lessons, and other items – provided without charge to UCG-BI.
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**CEO's business plan**

Almost 3 months into our 2023–2024 financial year, the work of the United Church of God – British Isles continues. We are aware of our Mission statement: “The mission of the United Church of God, *an International Association*, is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God in all the world, make disciples in all nations and care for those disciples.” Paraphrased, this mission statement becomes the slogan “Preaching the gospel, Preparing a people.”

During this year, we will continue to preach the gospel and prepare a people, by placing a high priority on finding, developing, training, encouraging, and mentoring more leaders, speakers, and administrators. We will continue to use the skills, abilities, talents, and spiritual gifts of those God has placed within this Church – even enhancing those skills where possible.

I have reported on previous occasions that our key challenges include the need to:

1. Equip the saints for the work of the Church in terms of identifying, training, developing, and mentoring teachers and leaders from among those God has called to us.
2. Inspire others to carry on the work of this present generation of volunteer administrators, that they in turn might contribute to our support structure at all levels.
3. Foster a welcoming Church environment in our present and potential future congregations that will encourage the interest, growth and development of people who contact us in response to God's calling and our preaching of the Gospel.

**1. Church/local congregations/work of the ministry:**

- a. **30%** of the Church's overall expenditure budget has been proposed for this area.
- b. The immediate challenges under this heading are to support our congregations; to prepare to welcome potential new attendees; to continue to use *Zoom* to link with members at home.
- c. We continue to receive requests for information about services from both members and others who are remote from our existing congregations. Inviting such people to be part of our Church services via *Zoom* provides us with an opportunity to interact with them.
- d. Congregational record-keeping such as Sabbath and Holy Day attendances, numbers of new contacts, births and deaths, ages of children, needs to be enhanced and formalised.
- e. Fortnightly midweek Bible Studies over *Zoom* will continue after a break for the autumn Holy Day period.
- f. Continuing pastoral development is necessary, together with the encouragement and motivation of existing members to support the work of the Church. Member training that addresses congregational, administrative, ministerial, and pastoral needs must also continue. The use of *Zoom* helps us offer these activities. A series of lectures on Speaking in Church has just concluded, and a follow up series of evaluated speech training will continue after the autumn Holy Day period.
- g. The Church will continue to encourage suitable individuals and couples to attend UCGIA's training activities, as opportunities present themselves. One of our couples attended the *Labor Day Weekend* leadership activity in Cincinnati a couple of weeks ago.
- h. The Feast of Tabernacles will take place this year, 2023, at the *Prince of Wales Hotel* in Southport, with a full schedule of Church services and social activities and with overseas

visitors expected. *Zoom* connections of the services will be arranged for those at home during the Feast.

- i. The venue for the Feast of Tabernacles next year, 2024, will shortly be decided by the ministry. Feast site selection and overall planning for the Feast remains a standing function of the ministry, in liaison with the National Council.
- j. A family camp activity took place in the west of England at the end of July 2022, and a similar event took place at the same venue at the end of July 2023. With the current demographics within our Church community, it is expected that similar activities will continue in the coming years.
- k. The Church needs to produce regular member and co-worker letters. Ideally, these would be produced either by personnel in the British Isles or by the adaption of equivalent letters from UCGIA. These letters and other information updates can be posted on the [ucg.org.uk](http://ucg.org.uk) website.

## 2. Proclamation:

- a. **43%** of the Church's expenditure budget has been proposed for this area.
- b. Our *Beyond Today* magazine subscriber list in the UK and Ireland stands around 6,200 for the September-October 2023 issue.
- c. The subscriber list fluctuates over time – historically, it has been as low as 1,500 and as high as 12,000. A large majority of our subscribers are not Church members. While explicit subscription cancellations are regularly received, they are low numbers and have not noticeably increased in recent times.
- d. Maintaining and increasing that circulation level is a priority. We will continue to use Internet advertising as our primary advertising tool and will continue to fund the UCGIA Home Office to do this advertising on our behalf. In addition, we need to look at the process we use for renewals and examine possibilities for increasing our renewal rate.
- e. Recently, UCGIA announced that from the beginning of this month *Beyond Today* television will begin airing on the *Faith World Television* on Sky channel 588, which reaches to over 45 million homes in the United Kingdom. This channel also covers Europe, some parts of Africa, and streams live on the Internet.
- f. Should UCGIA publish any new booklets or study aids during the year, we will make copies available to our members and advertise them to our overall mailing list.
- g. The subscriber mailing address carriers for the *Beyond Today* magazine will continue to carry no-cost 'ads' offering literature or highlighting the *Beyond Today* TV programme.
- h. Our writing skills will continue to be encouraged, developed, and enhanced. Articles for the *Supplement*, mini-advertorials for mailing address carriers and blogs for the [ucg.org.uk](http://ucg.org.uk) website, are all needed – in the form of concise, yet challenging inspiring and encouraging, biblically-based Christian-living material for both the 'un-churched' and the 'mainstream-churched' audiences.

## 3. Administration:

- a. **27%** of the Church's expenditure budget has been proposed for this area.

- b. Concerning office workload generally: the Peterson House office is still a part-time work environment, with personnel typically working three days per week.
- c. Office personnel, including the CEO and Treasurer, will continue to support activities such as: Database maintenance; Accounts records and bill-paying; Donations and Holy Day offerings records; Website content management and maintenance; Safeguarding policies, procedures, and record-keeping; Payroll and associated matters; Gift Aid and associated record-keeping.
- d. Both UCGIA and the UCG-BI National Council require that the Church functions in compliance with various policies and procedures: for example, policies for personnel, travel and subsistence, health and safety, safeguarding. While UCG-BI does function in compliance with such policies and procedures, ongoing work is needed: (1) to keep our policies up to date, (2) to keep our personnel up to date with sensitive Church-wide matters such as safeguarding. These topics are overseen by the National Council.
- e. The UCG-BI ministry, with the National Council and administration personnel, need to review and update a formal Strategic Plan for UCG-BI.
- f. Particularly for functions such as safeguarding, training of suitable Church members is needed on an on-going basis. For safeguarding, the Church will make use of the seminars and courses that are offered by *thirtyone:eight*, of which UCG-BI is a member and which supports us in our *Disclosure and Barring Service* checking needs.
- g. The *ucg.org.uk* website needs to include more topical content, together with Church news, local sermons, and other messages.
- h. UCG-BI has a long-standing goal of ending its request for a financial subsidy from UCGIA. As mentioned in the CEO's report for the year just ended, we have not requested a financial subsidy for a second consecutive year. The non-financial subsidy we receive from UCGIA in the form of literature stocks sent to us without charge will likely remain.
- i. General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), work has been underway to remove old data from our database and to implement enhancements to our record-keeping and records storage facilities. We have been and will continue to encourage the use of corporate email addresses by all those who are involved with working with the Church's data records in their various forms.
- j. The current lease of Peterson House in Chalfont St Giles will expire in February 2024; office staff will arrange another lease extension.

## Conclusion

In a recent *Speaking in Church* training session an overall framework for the work of the Church was highlighted in the form of five biblical passages.

Reading them in order, there is a logical progression that highlights the overall work of the Church. Yet taken individually, these passages also highlight specific elements in the life of the Church and the Church member. The Church is to:

1. **Matthew 24:14**, preach the gospel.
2. **Matthew 28:18-20**, make disciples, baptise them and teach them.
3. **Hebrews 5:12**, be teachers.
4. **Acts 6:1-4**, attend to the business, the administrative aspects of Church life.

5. **Philippians 3:12**, press on. *Bible in Basic English*: “*Not as if I had even now got the reward or been made complete: but I go on in the hope that I may come to the knowledge of that for which I was made the servant of Christ Jesus.*”

The image of ‘pressing on’ in Philippians 3:12 is that of an athlete running in the games – seeing the prize in the distance ahead and diligently striving to obtain it. This same motivation should be ours as we continue along the road we are travelling as a servant of Jesus Christ.

With that said, let us indeed...press on.

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**UNITED CHURCH OF GOD BRITISH ISLES  
CHARITY NO: 1079192**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

**United Church of God British Isles**  
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**For The Year Ended 30 June 2023**

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**United Church of God British Isles  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2023**

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**Charity's Principal Address**

Peterson House, The Green  
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**Charity Trustees**

D Fenney (Chief Executive Officer)

D Payne (Chairman Resigned)

J Godfrey (Chairman Appointed)

B Crook

B Ellams

D Richardson (Appointed 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023)

**United Church of God British Isles  
Accounts Approval Statement  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2023**

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We approve these accounts which comprise an Income and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet and related notes.  
We acknowledge our responsibility for the accounts including the provision of all the information and explanations necessary for the completion.

Signed

..... B Fenney (Treasurer)

..... J Godfrey (Chairman)

..... B Crook (Member)

..... Date

**United Church of God British Isles  
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2023**

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees**

We report to the trustees on our examination of the accounts of the above charity, United Church of God - British Isles, for the year ended 30th June 2023.

**Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

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").

We report in respect of our examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out our examination, we have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the Act.

**Independent Examiners Statement**

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examinations which gives us 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 accounting records

Signed

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Primus Accountancy LLP  
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**United Church of God British Isles  
Income and Expenditure Account  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2023**

|                                                            | <b>2023</b> |                | <b>2022</b> |                |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
|                                                            | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>       |
| <b>Income</b>                                              |             |                |             |                |
| General Income                                             |             | 149,383        |             | 196,073        |
| Holy Day Offerings                                         |             | 68,083         |             | 68,779         |
| Gift Aid Refunds                                           |             | 24,119         |             | 33,367         |
| Festival Fund                                              |             | 1,940          |             | 7,776          |
| Welfare and Assistance Fund                                |             | 966            |             | 400            |
|                                                            |             | <b>244,491</b> |             | <b>306,395</b> |
| <b>Other Operating Income</b>                              |             |                |             |                |
| Other income - contributing to other operating income      | 227         |                | 22,769      |                |
|                                                            |             | <b>227</b>     |             | <b>22,769</b>  |
|                                                            |             | <b>244,718</b> |             | <b>329,164</b> |
| <b>Other Income</b>                                        |             |                |             |                |
| Bank interest receivable                                   |             | 326            |             | 16             |
|                                                            |             | <b>245,044</b> |             | <b>329,180</b> |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                                         |             |                |             |                |
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| Proclamation: Publications Envelopes and Literature        | 1,294       |                | 2,285       |                |
| Proclamation: Publications Travel                          | 814         |                | 894         |                |
| Proclamation: Publications Supplies                        | 41          |                | 50          |                |
| Administration: Wages and National Insurance Contributions | 20,349      |                | 19,103      |                |
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| Administration: Insurance                                  | 1,697       |                | 1,662       |                |
| Administration: Postage, Printing and Supplies             | 8           |                | -           |                |
| Administration: Stationery and Office Supplies             | 6,258       |                | 5,497       |                |
| Administration: Telephone                                  | 1,269       |                | 1,270       |                |
| Administration: Professional Fees                          | 1,577       |                | 1,000       |                |
| Administration: Contracted Services                        | 218         |                | 211         |                |
| Administration: Travel Costs                               | 107         |                | 115         |                |

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**United Church of God British Isles**  
**Income and Expenditure Account (continued)**  
**For The Year Ended 30 June 2023**

|                                      |       |               |       |                |
|--------------------------------------|-------|---------------|-------|----------------|
| Administration: Bank charges         | 1,132 |               | 1,330 |                |
| Administration: Sundry Expenses      | 235   |               | 850   |                |
| Administration: Suspense/Mispostings | 354   |               | 234   |                |
|                                      |       | 223,061       |       | 223,492        |
|                                      |       | 21,983        |       | 105,688        |
| <b>Depreciation</b>                  |       |               |       |                |
| Depreciation                         | 648   |               | 720   |                |
|                                      |       | 648           |       | 720            |
| <b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>         |       | <b>21,335</b> |       | <b>104,968</b> |

**United Church of God British Isles**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As At 30 June 2023**

|                                              |       | 2023           |                | 2022           |                |
|----------------------------------------------|-------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                              | Notes | £              | £              | £              | £              |
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                          |       |                |                |                |                |
| Tangible Assets                              | 2     |                | 1,943          |                | 2,162          |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                        |       |                |                |                |                |
| Other debtors                                |       | 6,708          |                | 6,331          |                |
| Cash at bank and in hand                     |       | 280,748        |                | 260,834        |                |
|                                              |       | <u>287,456</u> |                | <u>267,165</u> |                |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>                   |       |                |                |                |                |
| Other creditors                              |       | 1,260          |                | 2,523          |                |
|                                              |       | <u>1,260</u>   |                | <u>2,523</u>   |                |
| <b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>                    |       |                | <u>286,197</u> |                | <u>264,642</u> |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b> |       |                | <u>288,139</u> |                | <u>266,804</u> |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                            |       |                | <u>288,139</u> |                | <u>266,804</u> |
| <b>MEMBERS GENERAL FUND</b>                  |       |                |                |                |                |
| Balance at 1 July 2022                       |       |                | 266,804        |                | 161,836        |
| Surplus/(Deficit) for the period/year        |       |                | 21,335         |                | 104,968        |
| <b>Balance Carried Forward</b>               |       |                | <u>288,139</u> |                | <u>266,804</u> |

**United Church of God British Isles**  
**Notes to the Accounts**  
**For The Year Ended 30 June 2023**

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**1. Accounting Policy**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities and the Charities SORP.

|                                             |             |             |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Independent Examiners Remuneration</b>   | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
|                                             | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| Examination fee paid                        | 1,260       | 1,000       |
| <b>Employee Remuneration</b>                | <b>2023</b> | <b>2022</b> |
|                                             | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>    |
| Total amounts paid to employees             | 56,358      | 53,904      |
| Average number of employees during the year | 6           | 6           |

**2. Tangible Assets**

|                            |                                |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                            | <b>Fixtures &amp; Fittings</b> |
|                            | <b>£</b>                       |
| <b>Cost</b>                |                                |
| As at 1 July 2022          | 20,439                         |
| Additions                  | 429                            |
| As at 30 June 2023         | <u>20,868</u>                  |
| <b>Depreciation</b>        |                                |
| As at 1 July 2022          | 18,277                         |
| Provided during the period | 648                            |
| As at 30 June 2023         | <u>18,925</u>                  |
| <b>Net Book Value</b>      |                                |
| As at 30 June 2023         | <u>1,943</u>                   |
| As at 1 July 2022          | <u>2,162</u>                   |

Depreciation is charged at a rate of 25% per annum on a reducing balance basis.

**UNITED CHURCH OF GOD BRITISH ISLES  
CHARITY NO: 1079192**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2023**

**United Church of God British Isles**  
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**For The Year Ended 30 June 2023**

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**United Church of God British Isles  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2023**

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**Charity's Principal Address**

Peterson House, The Green  
High Street, Chalfont St Giles  
Buckinghamshire, HP8 4QF

**Bankers**

HSBC, 9 Penn Road, Beaconsfield  
Buckinghamshire, HP9 2PT

**Charity Trustees**

D Fenney (Chief Executive Officer)

D Payne (Chairman Resigned)

J Godfrey (Chairman Appointed)

B Crook

B Ellams

D Richardson (Appointed 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023)

**United Church of God British Isles  
Accounts Approval Statement  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2023**

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We approve these accounts which comprise an Income and Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet and related notes.  
We acknowledge our responsibility for the accounts including the provision of all the information and explanations necessary for the completion.

Signed

..... B Fenney (Treasurer)

..... J Godfrey (Chairman)

..... B Crook (Member)

..... Date

**United Church of God British Isles  
Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2023**

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**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees**

We report to the trustees on our examination of the accounts of the above charity, United Church of God - British Isles, for the year ended 30th June 2023.

**Responsibilities and Basis of Report**

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").

We report in respect of our examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out our examination, we have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the Act.

**Independent Examiners Statement**

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examinations which gives us 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 accounting records

Signed

.....  
Primus Accountancy LLP  
82 High Street  
Golborne  
Warrington  
WA3 3DA

**United Church of God British Isles  
Income and Expenditure Account  
For The Year Ended 30 June 2023**

|                                                            | <b>2023</b> |                | <b>2022</b> |                |
|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|----------------|
|                                                            | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>       | <b>£</b>    | <b>£</b>       |
| <b>Income</b>                                              |             |                |             |                |
| General Income                                             |             | 149,383        |             | 196,073        |
| Holy Day Offerings                                         |             | 68,083         |             | 68,779         |
| Gift Aid Refunds                                           |             | 24,119         |             | 33,367         |
| Festival Fund                                              |             | 1,940          |             | 7,776          |
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|                                                            |             | <b>227</b>     |             | <b>22,769</b>  |
|                                                            |             | <b>244,718</b> |             | <b>329,164</b> |
| <b>Other Income</b>                                        |             |                |             |                |
| Bank interest receivable                                   |             | 326            |             | 16             |
|                                                            |             | <b>245,044</b> |             | <b>329,180</b> |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                                         |             |                |             |                |
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| Church: Local Church Travel and Subsistence                | 2,006       |                | 2,588       |                |
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**United Church of God British Isles**  
**Balance Sheet**  
**As At 30 June 2023**

|                                              |       | 2023           |                | 2022           |                |
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|                                              | Notes | £              | £              | £              | £              |
| <b>FIXED ASSETS</b>                          |       |                |                |                |                |
| Tangible Assets                              | 2     |                | 1,943          |                | 2,162          |
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| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                            |       |                | <b>288,139</b> |                | <b>266,804</b> |
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# Accounts

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## Chairman's Report 2022

I would like to welcome everyone to the Annual General Meeting of the Charity the United Church of God British Isles. It is good that we can hold this meeting using Zoom.

Last year I commented on how the Covid pandemic had affected the way Council meetings are held and how the use of Zoom had enabled the Council to continue to function. It not only saved Council members time by not having to travel to attend meetings but it also saved the Charity money because travel expenses and hall hire were nil.

In my last two reports I made the comment - "Over the last year or so it has become obvious that those in leadership roles are not immune from the frailties of life – illness, accident and even death. It is therefore imperative that we encourage the younger generations to become involved in the governing bodies of the Church to ensure continuity."

This last year has strengthened the need for our awareness of the situation with the heart condition experienced by our CEO and my ongoing lung condition. Therefore I would like to encourage brethren to become more involved with the running of the Charity and the Church. I would like to thank all those who have already given of their time and effort in supporting the United Church of God BI – the Charity.

A challenging situation occurred this year with the resignation of our previous secretary and the appointing of Sarah Bunker as the new secretary. The handover was not the smoothest that one would like but eventually all necessary documents were transferred to Sarah. This highlighted a problem in our record keeping system which has now been resolved by David Fenney and myself so hopefully any future transfers will go more smoothly.

I will now hand you over to our CEO, David Fenney, to give you a more in-depth assessment of the functioning of the Church as a Charity.

David Payne

## CEO's report

We are holding this annual general meeting during a period of national mourning in the United Kingdom following the death of Queen Elizabeth and we in the United Church of God – British Isles will honour her memory and show respect to both the Royal Family and the government.

The United Church of God in the British Isles has continued to function through the 2021–2022 year. Following the Covid lockdowns our congregations have mostly returned to in-person meetings, while also linking by *Zoom* to members at home.

During the year, the Church held the 2021 Feast of Tabernacles in person; part-time office staff were increasingly in the office, while also continuing to work from home. The work of the Church in preaching the Gospel has continued, with Internet advertising and large-scale literature distribution.

This report covers the period July 2021 to June 2022. Here is a collection of statistics that present a snapshot of UCG-BI as of June 2022:

- 187 members on file.
- 38 prospectives/associates on file.
- 160 donors on file.
- 138 co-workers on file.
- 8 congregations.
- 10 elders, plus wives, plus deacons and deaconesses, serving in our congregations.
- 7,193 *Beyond Today* print subscribers as of the May/June 2022 issue.
- 79 *Bible Study Course* students as of June 2022.
- 172 *United News* subscribers as of May/June 2022 issue.
- £329,845 provisional total annual income for the year.
- £211,229 provisional annual expenditure for the year, the surplus of income over expenditure will be carried forward into the new year.

### **1. Church/local congregations/work of the ministry:**

- a. This area of the Church's work accounted for **18%** of expenditure (6% previous year).
- b. All congregations have continued to be supported, with the ministry or other speakers present for in-person or *Zoom* services wherever and whenever possible.
- c. Preston congregation, and latterly Sheffield congregation, have experienced challenges in holding in-person services during 2022. *Zoom* services linking Preston and Sheffield members with members elsewhere in the British Isles, have continued weekly.
- d. By the autumn of 2021, with in-person services resuming, the Feast of Tabernacles took place as an in-person meeting at the *Prince of Wales Hotel* in Southport, with *Zoom* connections to members at home. The 2022 Spring Holy Day services took place both in-person and over *Zoom*.

- e. The Church's principal sources of income in the 2021–2022 year were: direct donations, £184,000; Holy Day offerings £66,000; Gift Aid refunds, £33,000. These accounted for around 85% of total income in the year.
- f. Overall, UCG-BI is dependent on the work of volunteers in all areas of its operations. The ministry of the United Church of God in the British Isles is essentially unpaid.
- g. Throughout 2021, members were encouraged to send their Holy Day offerings to the Church office, and directly into the Church's bank account if possible. This approach has continued into 2022. The reason for this approach was initially Covid lockdowns but is now due to the ever-growing challenge of finding convenient bank branches.
- h. The Church continues to rely on the support of local leaders within our congregations. The ministry has continued to review existing and future leadership needs.
- i. Various meetings and discussions took place by *Zoom* during the year: ministerial, pastoral, National Council, Feast planning, personal counselling.
- j. The newsletter *News & Events* has continued to be published on an as-needed basis and distributed to members both in the British Isles and to a sizeable list of recipients overseas who have an interest in, or a connection with, the Church in the British Isles. There were 7 issues of *News & Events* distributed during the 2021–2022 year. All communications from the UCGIA Cincinnati home office intended for the Church members here were forwarded in a timely manner.
- k. With *Zoom*, activities under the heading of leadership training and development have continued to be offered.

## 2. Proclamation:

- a. This area of the Church's work accounted for 53% of expenditure (64% previous year).
- b. We have continued to distribute *Beyond Today* magazine throughout the British Isles.
- c. The *British & European Supplement to Beyond Today* magazine has continued to be published. The continuing efforts of Barbara Fenney as editorial coordinator and Jan Schroeder as production manager, together with the efforts of writers and reviewers, are much appreciated. This publication continues to include articles presenting basic biblical knowledge with a Christian-living focus. Our website [ucg.org.uk](http://ucg.org.uk) has PDFs of all issues of the *Supplement* back to the January/February 2005 issue.
- d. Circulation of *Beyond Today* magazine and the *Supplement* averaged 6,443 subscriber copies during the year, 6 issues: with a high of 7,222 and a low of 5,528. The number of Internet-only readers in the British Isles is not readily quantifiable.
- e. Internet advertising of Church publications continued throughout the year in the United Kingdom and Ireland, being undertaken on our behalf by the Media and Communications Services department in the UCGIA Cincinnati home office, at UCG-BI expense. The charge to UCG-BI for this advertising during the year amounted to US\$29,562, or approximately £25,700. Ad responses slowed through the year, with around 5,300 Internet responses received, down from around 8,360 the previous year.
- f. New subscribers to *Beyond Today* magazine have been offered a 12-month or 6-issue subscription. Our historical renewal rate has never been higher than 30%, and since 2020 it has been in the range 3–10%; 3,125 new subscription requests were received in the year, down from around 4,877 in the previous year. During the year, to limit the number

of subscribers being lost due to non-renewals, a new subscription was increased to 12 issues, or 2 years, before renewal.

- g. In response to ongoing Internet advertising, the office has continued to receive requests for booklets and Bible study aids. In the 12-month period July 2021 to June 2022, the office mailed 8,140 booklets and study aids to those who requested them, down from 13,430 in the previous year. The four most requested titles this year were: *The Book of Revelation Unveiled*, *The Ten Commandments*, *You Can Have Living Faith*, *You Can Understand Bible Prophecy*. These four titles accounted for 42% of all booklet mailings.
- h. Postage, at around £39,000, was our single biggest expenditure item in the year.
- i. The subscriber mailing address carriers for *Beyond Today* and the *Supplement* have continued to have ‘ads’ for related literature and for UCGIA’s *Beyond Today* TV programme, in the form of ‘mini-advertorials’. This no-cost advertising has borne good fruit and we have continued with it. Subscribers use the carriers to request literature that is offered; some returned carriers include comments that are included in the letters page of the *Supplement* or are sent on to the Cincinnati home office.

### 3. Administration:

- a. This area of the Church’s work accounted for 29% of expenditure (30% previous year).
- b. The continuing efforts of our office manager Mrs Jan Schroeder to support the office functions are much appreciated.
- c. The office, with both part-time employees, and volunteers who come into the office and who also work from home, has continued to meet the various demands placed on it. Staff meetings and discussions take place by video conferencing using Microsoft *Teams*, linking also to the CEO and treasurer. The availability and accessibility of bank branches for paying in cheque and cash donations received through the mail continues to be of concern to office personnel.
- d. Several staff members experienced health issues of concern during the year.
- e. Mailing literature from the Church office continues to be a weekly task. While the bulk mailing of the *Beyond Today* magazine and *Supplement* continues to be contracted to a commercial organisation, requests for new subscriptions to *Beyond Today* magazine and back issue requests, are mailed directly from the Church office.
- f. Towards the end of the 2021–2022 year, office personnel began work on processing *Disclosure and Barring Service* checks for the Family Camp that took place in July 2022.
- g. Office equipment: to meet the needs of staff working in the office and from home, necessary upgrades to office equipment were made during the year. In addition, we have been grateful for the ongoing help and support of UCGIA’s IT personnel.
- h. UCG-BI continues to rent office space at Peterson House in Chalfont St Giles. This lease has been renewed for several years on an annual basis, with the current lease running to February 2023.
- i. UCG-BI continues to rent a business unit in Warrington. We use this unit for storage of Church property, records, and equipment. This workshop unit has electrical power and plumbed facilities, plus a loading bay. The current 3-year lease for this unit runs to July 2024.

- j. Anonymous donations: Around March or April 2021 the Church office staff became aware of receiving regular cash donations, apparently from the same unknown anonymous source. These donations are continuing, although presently at a lower rate. Office staff estimate the total from this source in the 2021–2022 year to be around £40,000.
- k. In consequence of the level of anonymous donations received, the National Council decided not to request an annual *International Subsidy* from UCGIA for the 2022–2023. The subsidy that UCG-BI might have requested would have been a smaller sum than the anonymous donations received this year.
- l. UCG-BI has a charity account with *Amazon Smile*. In the 2021–2022 year the total disbursements received from Amazon – reflecting the purchases of members who have signed up for Amazon Smile in favour of the Church – amounted to £25.

### Thanks!

- I would like to thank the members and supporters of the United Church of God in the British Isles:
  - For their continued support and encouragement.
  - For their active involvement in our major activities.
  - For their ongoing personal motivation to develop as pillars and leaders.
  - For their financial support.
  - For their prayers and for their personal determination to follow God's lead in their lives.
- I would also like to thank the home office personnel of UCGIA, together with the Council of Elders and the administration, for their support, advice and sharing of ideas, for the *ucg.org* website, and for printed literature supplies – *Beyond Today* magazines, booklets, study aids, *Bible Study Course* lessons, and other items – provided without charge to UCG-BI.
- Towards the end of the year the National Council sent a card expressing appreciation and thanks to outgoing UCGIA president Victor Kubik and his wife Beverley.

David Fenney

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## CEO's business plan

Our annual general meeting is taking place just days after the accession of King Charles to the throne of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. This is a significant new beginning in wider society, perhaps it will also be a time of public reflection and maybe, for some, it will also provide an opportunity to re-evaluate aspects of contemporary thinking and attitudes.

Almost 3 months into the 2022–2023 year, wider society seems to have replaced the uncertainties of Covid with worries and concerns about the cost of living, the price and availability of energy and fuel, together with the potential for further international conflict.

In this context, we must not lose sight of our mission, which is: “The mission of the United Church of God, *an International Association*, is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God in all the world, make disciples in all nations and care for those disciples.” Paraphrased, this mission statement becomes the slogan “Preaching the gospel, Preparing a people.”

During this year, we will continue to place a high priority on finding, developing, training, and encouraging more leaders, speakers, and administrators within our Church community. We will continue to use the skills, abilities, talents, and spiritual gifts of those God has placed within this Church – even enhancing those skills where possible.

I have previously reported that our key challenges include the need to:

1. Equip the saints for the work of the Church: in terms of identifying, training, developing, and mentoring teachers and leaders from among those God has called to us. Teachers and leaders who can teach others the precious truths from God's Word; who can make our congregations function even better; and who can in turn become and remain as solid pillars in this Church community.
2. Inspire others to carry on the work of this present generation of volunteer administrators, that they in turn might contribute to our support structure at all levels: in the local congregations; in the National Council; in our major annual events such as the Feast of Tabernacles; in training activities; in this annual general meeting; and in developing the next generation through children and family activities.
3. Offer a welcoming Church environment in our present and potential future congregations: one that will encourage the interest, growth and development of people who contact us in response to God's calling and our preaching of the Gospel.

### **1. Church/local congregations/work of the ministry:**

- a. **26%** of the Church's overall expenditure budget has been proposed for this area.
- b. The immediate challenges under this heading are to support and rebuild our congregations; to prepare to welcome potential new attendees; to continue to use *Zoom* to link with members at home.
- c. While the volume of enquiries about visiting our Church meetings is currently low, we do continue to receive requests for information about services from both members and others who are remote from our existing congregations. We must think in terms of developing new regular meetings, leading to new congregations.

- d. Continuing pastoral development is necessary, together with the encouragement and motivation of existing members to support the work of the Church. Member training that addresses congregational, administrative, ministerial, and pastoral needs must also continue. The use of *Zoom* helps us offer these activities. An evening seminar addressing speaking in Church is included in the programme for this year's Feast of Tabernacles in Llandudno.
- e. Following the Feast of Tabernacles, a series of speaking in Church seminars and practice sessions will be over *Zoom*. These will likely include participants across congregational boundaries.
- f. The Church will continue to encourage suitable individuals and couples to attend UCGIA's training activities, as opportunities present themselves. One of our deacons attended the *Labor Day Weekend* leadership activity in Cincinnati a week ago.
- g. The Feast of Tabernacles will take place this year, 2022, at the *St George's Hotel* in Llandudno, with a full schedule of Church services and social activities and with overseas visitors expected. The Feast planning team will arrange *Zoom* connections of the services for those at home during the Feast.
- h. For the Feast of Tabernacles next year, 2023, the ministry decided to return to the *Prince of Wales Hotel* in Southport. A core Feast planning team has developed over recent years. As it is impractical to develop multiple independent planning teams to manage Feast sites in various locations, the Feast planning team will remain a standing function of the ministry, reporting to the National Council. The planning team has a membership that includes the core team, supplemented where possible by others who are local to each year's Feast site and who can contribute to the teamwork necessary for the Feast.
- i. The family camp activity, which was originally considered for 2020, took place in the west of England at the end of July 2022. The Church expects that similar activities will be included in the coming years.
- j. The Church needs to produce regular member and co-worker letters. Ideally, these would be produced either by personnel in the British Isles or by the adaption of equivalent letters from UCGIA. These letters and other information updates ought to be included on the [ucg.org.uk](http://ucg.org.uk) website.

## 2. Proclamation:

- a. **47%** of the Church's expenditure budget has been proposed for this area.
- b. Our *Beyond Today* subscriber list in the UK and Ireland stands around 7,300 for the September-October 2022 issue. The office requested 8,000 copies of this issue of the magazine, and the "spare" copies will be used to fulfil new subscription requests until the next issue arrives.
- c. The subscriber list fluctuates over time – historically, it has been as low as 1,500 and as high as 12,000. A large majority of our subscribers are not Church members. Our subscription level is essentially dictated by the tension between two opposing factors: (1) increases because of Internet or other advertising and word-of-mouth; and (2) losses due to non-renewals and mail returns – where there may be an incorrect address, or the subscriber has moved without notifying us of a forwarding address. While explicit subscription cancellations are regularly received, they are low numbers and have not noticeably increased in recent times.

- d. Maintaining and increasing that circulation level is a priority. We will continue to use Internet advertising as our primary advertising tool and will continue to fund the UCGIA Home Office to do this advertising on our behalf. In addition, we need to look at the process we use for renewals and examine possibilities for increasing our renewal rate.
- e. Should UCGIA publish any new booklets during the year, we will make copies available to our members and advertise them to our overall mailing list. While this does cost money for advertising and postage, it also generates interest and useful feedback from our readership.
- f. The subscriber mailing address carriers for the *Beyond Today* magazine will continue to carry no-cost 'ads' offering literature or highlighting the *Beyond Today* TV programme.
- g. Our writing skills need to be encouraged, developed, and enhanced. Articles for the *Supplement*, mini-advertorials for mailing address carriers and possible blogs for the *ucg.org.uk* website, are all needed – in the form of concise, yet challenging inspiring and encouraging, biblically-based Christian-living material for both the 'un-churched' and the 'mainstream-churched' audiences. An evening seminar addressing writing skills is included in the programme for this year's Feast of Tabernacles in Llandudno.

### 3. Administration:

- a. **27%** of the Church's expenditure budget has been proposed for this area.
- b. Concerning office workload generally: the Peterson House office is still a part-time work environment, with personnel typically working three days per week.
- c. Office personnel, including the CEO and Treasurer, will continue to support activities such as: Database maintenance; Accounts records and bill-paying; Donations and Holy Day offerings records; Website content management and maintenance; Safeguarding policies, procedures, and record-keeping; Payroll and associated matters; Gift Aid and associated record-keeping.
- d. Office staff realise that during the last couple of years they have become less familiar with each other's tasks, and a degree of re-familiarisation with overall office operations is ongoing.
- e. Both UCGIA and the UCG-BI National Council require that the Church functions in compliance with various policies and procedures: for example, policies for personnel, travel and subsistence, health and safety, safeguarding. While UCG-BI does function in compliance with such policies and procedures, more work is needed: (1) to keep our policies up to date, (2) to keep our personnel up to date with sensitive Church-wide matters such as safeguarding. These topics are overseen by the National Council.
- f. The UCG-BI ministry, with the National Council and administration personnel, need to develop and adopt a formal Strategic Plan for UCG-BI.
- g. Particularly for functions such as safeguarding, training of suitable Church members is needed on an on-going basis. For safeguarding, the Church will make use of the seminars and courses that are offered by *thirtyone:eight*, of which UCG-BI is a member and which supports us in our *Disclosure and Barring Service* checking needs.
- h. The *ucg.org.uk* website needs to include more topical content, together with Church news, local sermons, and other messages.

- i. For years the Church has been producing DVD copies of sets of UCGIA sermons for distribution to members who need them, mainly because they are unable to get to services and are without Internet access. The DVD copying function has been performed by volunteers from home using Church equipment. The list of recipients has reduced over time to just under 30 currently. Technical faults with copying recent DVDs has caused some disruption, and consideration must now be given to the future of this service.
- j. The Church has a long-standing and long-term goal of ending its request for a financial subsidy from UCGIA. As mentioned in the CEO's report for the year just ended, we have not requested a financial subsidy for the 2022–2023 year. The non-financial subsidy we receive from UCGIA in the form of literature stocks sent to us without charge will likely remain.
- k. General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), work has been underway to remove old data from our database and to implement enhancements to our record-keeping and records storage facilities. We need to encourage the use of corporate email addresses by all those who are involved with working with the Church's data records in their various forms. This aspect of the Church's work has progressed slowly over the past couple of years and needs to accelerate.
- l. The current lease of Peterson House in Chalfont St Giles will expire in February 2023; office staff will arrange another lease extension.

## Conclusion

In a message given recently in one of our congregations, I heard the speaker read Hebrews 5:12, "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food."

One phrase struck me: "...you ought to be teachers...". These 5 words sum up what we in the United Church of God must be about: teaching and being taught. The word of God is clear that every believer ought also to be a teacher.

Relating to this phrase, I would like to quote from *Albert Barnes' Notes on the Bible*, "He does not mean to say, evidently, that they ought all to become public teachers, or preachers of the gospel, but that they ought to be able to explain to others the truths of the Christian religion. As parents they ought to be able to explain them to their children; as neighbours, to their neighbours; or as friends, to those who were enquiring the way to life."

These are principles we will keep in mind as we continue our work this year.

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UNITED CHURCH OF GOD -  
BRITISH ISLES

CHARITY NO: 1079192

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022

**UNITED CHURCH OF GOD - BRITISH ISLES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

**Charity's Principal Address**

Peterson House  
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HP8 4QF

**Bankers**

HSBC  
9 Penn Road  
Beaconsfield  
Buckinghamshire  
HP9 2PT

**Charity Trustees**

|            |                                           |
|------------|-------------------------------------------|
| D Fenney   | CEO                                       |
| D Payne    | Chairman                                  |
| D Jarvis   | Resigned 25/7/2021                        |
| M Webb     | Appointed 25/7/2021<br>Resigned 31/1/2022 |
| M Mirigian | Appointed 31/1/2022                       |
| B Crook    |                                           |
| B Ellams   |                                           |

## **UNITED CHURCH OF GOD - BRITISH ISLES**

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity, United Church Of God - British Isles, for the year ended 30 June 2022.

#### **RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT**

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").

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.

#### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT**

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 accounting records

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**UNITED CHURCH OF GOD - BRITISH ISLES**

**BALANCE SHEET - 30 JUNE 2022**

| <b><u>2021</u></b> |                                              | <b><u>Notes</u></b> |               |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 2483               | <b><u>Fixed Assets</u></b>                   | 4                   | 2162          |
|                    | <b><u>Current Assets</u></b>                 |                     |               |
| 7463               | Debtors and Prepayments                      | 6331                |               |
| 24356              | Cash at Bank:- Current Account Nat West      | 79791               |               |
| 825                | Reserve Account                              | 825                 |               |
| 1941               | PayPal Account                               | 5055                |               |
| 78209              | Current Account HSBC                         | 125215              |               |
| 49013              | Liquidity Account                            | 49029               |               |
| 278                | HSBC Savings Account                         | 276                 |               |
| 698                | Cash In Hand                                 | 643                 |               |
| 162783             |                                              | 267165              |               |
|                    | <b><u>Current Liabilities</u></b>            |                     |               |
| 3430               | Creditors and Accruals - due within one year | 5                   | 2523          |
|                    |                                              |                     | 264642        |
| <u>161836</u>      | <b><u>Total Net Assets</u></b>               |                     | <u>266804</u> |
|                    | <b><u>Represented By:</u></b>                |                     |               |
| 161836             | Members General Fund                         | 7                   | 266804        |
| <u>161836</u>      |                                              |                     | <u>266804</u> |

..... B Fenney (Treasurer)

..... D Payne (Chairman)

..... B Crook (Member)

Date.....

**UNITED CHURCH OF GOD - BRITISH ISLES**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

1. **Accounting Policies**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities and the Charities SORP.

| 2. <b><u>Independent Examiner's Remuneration</u></b> | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                                      | £           | £           |
| Examination Fee Paid                                 | 975         | 1000        |

| 3. <b><u>Employee Remuneration</u></b>      | <u>2021</u> | <u>2022</u> |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                             | £           | £           |
| Total Amounts paid to Employees             | 53904       | 51277       |
| Average number of employees during the year | 6           | 6           |

| 4. <b><u>Tangible Fixed Assets</u></b> | <b><u>Fixtures, Fittings &amp; Equipment</u></b> |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
|                                        | £                                                |
| Cost at 1.7.2021                       | 20040                                            |
| Additions                              | 399                                              |
| Disposals                              | -                                                |
| Cost at 30.6.2022                      | <u>20439</u>                                     |
| Depreciation at 1.7.2021               | 17557                                            |
| Charge for Year                        | 720                                              |
| Written Back on Disposals              | -                                                |
| Depreciation at 30.6.2022              | <u>18277</u>                                     |
| Net Book Value at 30.6.2022            | <u>2162</u>                                      |
| Net Book Value at 30.6.2021            | <u>2483</u>                                      |

Depreciation is charged at a rate of 25% per annum on a reducing balance basis.

**UNITED CHURCH OF GOD - BRITISH ISLES**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

|    |                                                            |                    |                    |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 5. | <b><u>Creditors and Accruals - Due Within One Year</u></b> | <b><u>2021</u></b> | <b><u>2022</u></b> |
|    |                                                            | £                  | £                  |
|    | Trade Creditors                                            | -                  | -                  |
|    | Bank Loans and Overdrafts                                  | -                  | -                  |
|    | Tax and Social Security                                    | -                  | -                  |
|    | Other Creditors                                            | 3430               | 2523               |
|    |                                                            | <u>3430</u>        | <u>2523</u>        |
| 6. | <b><u>Other Disclosure Issues</u></b>                      | <b><u>2021</u></b> | <b><u>2022</u></b> |
|    |                                                            | £                  | £                  |
|    | Commitments not provided for in the accounts               | -                  | -                  |
|    | Guarantees provided for                                    | -                  | -                  |
|    | Amount of Assets secured                                   | -                  | -                  |
| 7. | <b><u>Members' General Fund</u></b>                        |                    |                    |
|    |                                                            | £                  |                    |
|    | At 1.7.2021                                                | 161836             |                    |
|    | Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year                         | 104968             |                    |
|    | Prior year adjustments                                     | -                  |                    |
|    | Balance at 30.6.2022                                       | <u>266804</u>      |                    |

**UNITED CHURCH OF GOD - BRITISH ISLES****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

| <b>2021</b>   | <b>Income</b>                              |               |               |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 155216        | General Income                             |               | 196073        |
| 68750         | Holy Day Offerings                         |               | 68779         |
| 5289          | Gift Aid Refunds                           |               | 33367         |
| 3016          | Festival Fund                              |               | 7776          |
| 1039          | Welfare and Assistance Fund                |               | 400           |
| 19206         | Other Income                               |               | 22769         |
| 5             | Interest Received                          |               | 16            |
| <u>252521</u> |                                            |               | <u>329180</u> |
|               | <b><u>Deduct Expenditure</u></b>           |               |               |
|               | <b><u>Church</u></b>                       |               |               |
| 3524          | Church Administration                      | 2655          |               |
| 57            | Local Church Travel and Subsistence        | 2588          |               |
| 2353          | Local Church Hall Hire                     | 19191         |               |
| 178           | Local Church Miscellaneous                 | 227           |               |
| -             | Youth                                      | 7196          |               |
| 367           | Festivals                                  | 5191          |               |
| 49            | Welfare and Assistance                     | 233           |               |
| 6562          | Local Church Wages                         | 6890          |               |
| <u>13090</u>  |                                            | <u>44171</u>  |               |
|               | <b><u>Proclamation</u></b>                 |               |               |
| 27960         | Media                                      | 25126         |               |
| 26678         | Publications Wages                         | 25284         |               |
| 59647         | Publications Postage and Shipping          | 44506         |               |
| 10482         | Publications Contracted Services           | 7745          |               |
| 10099         | Publications Printing and Pre-Press        | 10329         |               |
| 1946          | Publications Envelopes and Literature      | 2285          |               |
| 855           | Publications Travel                        | 894           |               |
| 471           | Publications Supplies                      | 50            |               |
| <u>138138</u> |                                            | <u>116219</u> |               |
|               | <b><u>Administration</u></b>               |               |               |
| 20664         | Wages and National Insurance Contributions | 19103         |               |
| 32788         | Premises Rent etc                          | 31830         |               |
| 1157          | Telephone                                  | 1270          |               |
| 89            | Travel Costs                               | 115           |               |
| 43            | Postage, Printing and Supplies             | -             |               |
| 4616          | Stationery and Office Supplies             | 5497          |               |
| 975           | Professional Fees                          | 1000          |               |
| 1630          | Insurance                                  | 1662          |               |
| 891           | Sundry Expenses                            | 850           |               |
| 1200          | Bank Charges                               | 1330          |               |
| 828           | Depreciation                               | 720           |               |
| 119           | Contracted Services                        | 211           |               |
| 196           | Suspense/Mispostings                       | 234           |               |
| <u>65196</u>  |                                            | <u>63822</u>  | <u>224212</u> |
| <u>36097</u>  | <b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>               |               | <u>104968</u> |

UNITED CHURCH OF GOD -  
BRITISH ISLES

CHARITY NO: 1079192

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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| D Payne    | Chairman                                  |
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..... D Payne (Chairman)

..... B Crook (Member)

Date.....

**UNITED CHURCH OF GOD - BRITISH ISLES**

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**UNITED CHURCH OF GOD - BRITISH ISLES**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2022**

|    |                                                            |                    |                    |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 5. | <b><u>Creditors and Accruals - Due Within One Year</u></b> | <b><u>2021</u></b> | <b><u>2022</u></b> |
|    |                                                            | £                  | £                  |
|    | Trade Creditors                                            | -                  | -                  |
|    | Bank Loans and Overdrafts                                  | -                  | -                  |
|    | Tax and Social Security                                    | -                  | -                  |
|    | Other Creditors                                            | 3430               | 2523               |
|    |                                                            | <u>3430</u>        | <u>2523</u>        |
| 6. | <b><u>Other Disclosure Issues</u></b>                      | <b><u>2021</u></b> | <b><u>2022</u></b> |
|    |                                                            | £                  | £                  |
|    | Commitments not provided for in the accounts               | -                  | -                  |
|    | Guarantees provided for                                    | -                  | -                  |
|    | Amount of Assets secured                                   | -                  | -                  |
| 7. | <b><u>Members' General Fund</u></b>                        |                    |                    |
|    |                                                            | £                  |                    |
|    | At 1.7.2021                                                | 161836             |                    |
|    | Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year                         | 104968             |                    |
|    | Prior year adjustments                                     | -                  |                    |
|    | Balance at 30.6.2022                                       | <u>266804</u>      |                    |

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| <b>2021</b>   | <b>Income</b>                              |               |               |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 155216        | General Income                             |               | 196073        |
| 68750         | Holy Day Offerings                         |               | 68779         |
| 5289          | Gift Aid Refunds                           |               | 33367         |
| 3016          | Festival Fund                              |               | 7776          |
| 1039          | Welfare and Assistance Fund                |               | 400           |
| 19206         | Other Income                               |               | 22769         |
| 5             | Interest Received                          |               | 16            |
| <u>252521</u> |                                            |               | <u>329180</u> |
|               | <b><u>Deduct Expenditure</u></b>           |               |               |
|               | <b><u>Church</u></b>                       |               |               |
| 3524          | Church Administration                      | 2655          |               |
| 57            | Local Church Travel and Subsistence        | 2588          |               |
| 2353          | Local Church Hall Hire                     | 19191         |               |
| 178           | Local Church Miscellaneous                 | 227           |               |
| -             | Youth                                      | 7196          |               |
| 367           | Festivals                                  | 5191          |               |
| 49            | Welfare and Assistance                     | 233           |               |
| 6562          | Local Church Wages                         | 6890          |               |
| <u>13090</u>  |                                            | <u>44171</u>  |               |
|               | <b><u>Proclamation</u></b>                 |               |               |
| 27960         | Media                                      | 25126         |               |
| 26678         | Publications Wages                         | 25284         |               |
| 59647         | Publications Postage and Shipping          | 44506         |               |
| 10482         | Publications Contracted Services           | 7745          |               |
| 10099         | Publications Printing and Pre-Press        | 10329         |               |
| 1946          | Publications Envelopes and Literature      | 2285          |               |
| 855           | Publications Travel                        | 894           |               |
| 471           | Publications Supplies                      | 50            |               |
| <u>138138</u> |                                            | <u>116219</u> |               |
|               | <b><u>Administration</u></b>               |               |               |
| 20664         | Wages and National Insurance Contributions | 19103         |               |
| 32788         | Premises Rent etc                          | 31830         |               |
| 1157          | Telephone                                  | 1270          |               |
| 89            | Travel Costs                               | 115           |               |
| 43            | Postage, Printing and Supplies             | -             |               |
| 4616          | Stationery and Office Supplies             | 5497          |               |
| 975           | Professional Fees                          | 1000          |               |
| 1630          | Insurance                                  | 1662          |               |
| 891           | Sundry Expenses                            | 850           |               |
| 1200          | Bank Charges                               | 1330          |               |
| 828           | Depreciation                               | 720           |               |
| 119           | Contracted Services                        | 211           |               |
| 196           | Suspense/Mispostings                       | 234           |               |
| <u>65196</u>  |                                            | <u>63822</u>  | <u>224212</u> |
| <u>36097</u>  | <b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>               |               | <u>104968</u> |

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**Chairman's Report 2021**

I would like to welcome everyone to the Annual General Meeting of the Charity the United Church of God British Isles. It is good that we can hold this meeting using Zoom.

This past year has been a challenging year for the Church and the Council has learnt many lessons during it. I feel that the most important one and the one that will have the biggest impact on how the Charity is run for many years into the future is Zoom.

The pandemic has meant that the National Council couldn't meet in the way that it has done since its inception and another platform had to be found for the work of the Charity to continue. Since the Church was using Zoom for Church Services it was logical to use it for the Council meetings. This proved to have several advantages.

- It improves social interaction at a meeting because you see each member face to face instead of seeing some of the members at the other end of the hall.
- The cost of holding meetings is cut because there is no hall hire, no travel expenses and no accommodation expenses. The cost of having meetings for the year 2018/19 was nearly £2500, now we only pay for postage to inform members of the AGM.
- The time requirements upon members is reduced down to about half a day per meeting from anything from a long weekend to a full day.

In my 2019 report I said "Over the last year or so it has become obvious that those in leadership roles are not immune from the frailties of life – illness, accident and even death. It is therefore imperative that we encourage the younger generations to become involved in the governing bodies of the Church to ensure continuity." This last point that I made about reducing the time requirement on members will hopefully encourage a younger generation to step up to the mark and take an interest in the administration of the Charity because it is more likely that they can afford this reduced amount of time to devote to the Church.

I would like to encourage brethren to become more involved with the running of the Charity and thank all those who have given their time and effort in supporting the United Church of God BI – the Charity. I am pleased to see that there are three nominations for the vacant lay member seats on the Council and look forward to working with the successful candidates. I would now like to thank the retiring member, Dot Jarvis, for the work that she has done over many, many years and for the insight and wisdom that she has brought to the meetings. She will be missed.

I will now hand you over to our CEO, David Fenney, to give you a more in depth assessment of the functioning of the Church as a Charity.

David Payne (Chairman)

**CEO's report 2021**

The United Church of God in the British Isles has continued to function through another extraordinary year of disruption within wider society due to Covid-19. Because of ongoing restrictions and lockdown, our congregations have continued to meet for services using *Zoom*. The 2020 Feast of Tabernacles was not held in person. Several of our part-time office staff have continued to work from home, being in the office only when necessary for essential tasks.

As the 2020-2021 year ended our congregations are anticipating a return to in-person Sabbath services and to an in-person Feast of Tabernacles in September. The work of the Church in preaching the Gospel has continued, with Internet advertising and large-scale literature distribution.

This report covers the period July 2020 to June 2021. Here are some statistics that provide a snapshot of UCG-BI as of June 2021:

- 201 members on file.
- 34 prospectives/associates on file.
- 142 donors on file.
- 133 co-workers on file.
- 8 congregations that have met mainly by *Zoom* this year, individually or in combinations.
- 10 elders, plus wives, plus deacons and deaconesses, serving in our congregations.
- 7,991 *Beyond Today* print subscribers as of the May/June 2021 issue.
- 166 *Bible Study Course* students as of June 2021.
- 175 *United News* subscribers as of May/June 2021 issue.
- £242,796 provisional total annual income for the year.
- £211,334 provisional annual expenditure for the year, with the surplus of income over expenditure mainly because of minimal meeting hall rental and administrative/ministerial travel during the year; this surplus will be carried forward into the new financial year.

**1. Church/local congregations/work of the ministry:**

- a. This area of the Church's work accounted for **6%** of expenditure (22% previous year).
- b. All congregations have continued to be supported, with the ministry or other speakers present for *Zoom* services wherever and whenever possible. Participation in online services is high, with most members being included. It seems only a small number overall do not have access to the Internet or choose not to make use of it.
- c. In 2020 Church members kept the entire annual cycle of Holy Days at home, with congregational services taking place via *Zoom*. This year 2021 all the Holy Days so far have taken place over *Zoom*; including a Church-wide combined service on the Last Day of Unleavened Bread. The autumn Holy Days, including the Feast of Tabernacles, are expected to include in-person meetings, but that is still not guaranteed.
- d. Overall, UCG-BI is dependent on the work of many volunteers in all areas of its operations. The ministry of the United Church of God in the British Isles remains essentially unpaid.
- e. With no in-person congregational services during the annual Holy Days, no congregational offerings were taken up. Members were encouraged to forward their Holy

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Day offerings to the Church office, and directly into the Church's bank account if possible.

- f. The Church continues to rely on the support of local leaders within our congregations. The ministry has continued to review existing and future leadership needs.
- g. Although no in-person ministerial meetings were held during the year, three ministerial meetings did take place over *Zoom*. The complement of elders in the British Isles increased to 10 with the return of Peter Corrigan to the UK.
- h. The newsletter *News & Events* has continued to be published on an as-needed basis and distributed to members both in the British Isles and to a sizeable list of recipients overseas who have an interest in or a connection with the Church in the British Isles. All communications from the UCGIA Cincinnati home office intended for the Church members here have been forwarded in a timely manner.
- i. By August 2020 it was concluded that it would not be possible to hold the Feast of Tabernacles at the Prince of Wales Hotel in Southport. After discussion with hotel personnel, it was agreed that the Church would hold its annual event in the hotel in 2021. The Feast of Tabernacles itself was not cancelled, it took place with a mixture of *Zoom* services and fellowship, together with opportunities for watching webcasts of overseas Feast services.
- j. With *Zoom*, activities under the heading of leadership training and development have continued throughout the year, with Bible studies, ladies' meetings and speaking-in-Church training seminars being provided in various congregations, and in some cases across congregational boundaries.

### 2. Proclamation:

- a. This area of the Church's work accounted for **64%** of expenditure (48% previous year).
- b. The *British & European Supplement to Beyond Today* magazine has continued to be published. The continuing efforts of Barbara Fenney as editorial coordinator and Jan Schroeder as production manager, together with the efforts of writers and reviewers, are much appreciated. This publication continues to include articles presenting basic biblical knowledge with a Christian-living focus.
- c. Circulation of *Beyond Today* magazine and the *Supplement* averaged 9,200 subscriber copies during the year, 6 issues: with a high of 9,962 and a low of 8,141. The number of Internet-only readers in the British Isles is not readily quantifiable.
- d. Internet *Google* advertising continued throughout the year in the United Kingdom and Ireland, being undertaken on our behalf by the Media and Communications Services department in the UCGIA Cincinnati home office, at UCG-BI expense. The charge to UCG-BI for this advertising during the year amounted to approximately £27,000. Around 8,360 Internet responses were received during the year, down from around 12,000 the previous year.
- e. New subscribers to *Beyond Today* magazine are offered an initial 12-month or 6-issue subscription. Our historical renewal rate has never been higher than 30%, and in the current year is in the range 3–10%; 4,877 new subscription requests were received in the year, down from around 7,600 in the previous year.

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- f. In response to ongoing Internet advertising, the office has continued to experience significant levels of requests for booklets and Bible study aids. In the 12-month period July 2020 to June 2021, the office mailed 13,430 booklets and study aids to those who requested them, down from 17,600 in the previous year. The five most requested titles this year were: *The Ten Commandments*, *The Book of Revelation Unveiled*, *You Can Have Living Faith*, *How to Understand the Bible*, *You Can Understand Bible Prophecy*. These five titles accounted for 49% of all booklet mailings.
- g. Postage, at around £59,000, was our single biggest expenditure item in the year.
- h. The subscriber mailing address carriers for *Beyond Today* and the *Supplement* have continued to contain ‘ads’ for related literature and for UCGIA’s *Beyond Today* TV programme, in the form of ‘mini-advertorials’. This no-cost advertising has borne good fruit and we have continued with it. Several of these returned mailing address carriers have contained comments that are included in the letters page of the *Supplement* or are forwarded to the Cincinnati home office.

### 3. Administration:

- a. This area of the Church’s work accounted for **30%** of expenditure (30% previous year).
- b. The continuing efforts of our office manager Mrs Jan Schroeder to maintain the office functions under challenging circumstances this year are much appreciated.
- c. The office, with both part-time employees and volunteers who come into the office and who also work from home, has continued to meet the various demands placed on it. The office continues to function differently from normal during the current situation, with several operations – principally database, editorial and accounting work – being carried out from home by accessing office systems remotely. One staff member works mainly in the office; others make occasional visits to the office to pick up supplies, check on things and to print necessary documents. Staff meetings and discussions take place by video conferencing using Microsoft *Teams*, linking also to the CEO and treasurer. One staff member has access near home to Bank and Post Office branches, which has facilitated paying in cheque and cash donations received through the mail.
- d. Mailing literature is one major function that requires personnel to be present in the office. This is usually carried out once a week by staff observing social distancing guidelines. While the bulk mailing of *Beyond Today* and *Supplement* is handled commercially, new subscription requests and back issue requests for *Beyond Today* magazine are also mailed directly from the Church office.
- e. Office equipment: to meet the needs of staff working regularly in the office and now from home, necessary upgrades to office equipment has been undertaken. In addition, to support working from home we have been grateful for the ongoing help and support of Cincinnati’s IT personnel.
- f. In addition to the Chalfont St Giles Church office at Peterson House, UCG-BI continues to rent a business unit in Warrington. We essentially use this unit for storage of Church property, records, and equipment. This workshop unit has electrical power and plumbed facilities, plus a loading bay, and could be internally remodelled to enhance basic office workspace if ever needed. The current 3-year lease for this unit runs to July 2024.
- g. The annual *International Subsidy* request to UCGIA for the 2021-2022 financial year was submitted in early January 2021 and later approved as part of UCGIA’s budget passed at

the May 2021 General Conference of Elders meeting. Our request was for US\$27,180, broadly in line with the previous year's request for US\$26,400. This subsidy request is equivalent to around 7% of our total estimated income for the 2021-2022 year. I should point out that, except for the *Supplement*, all our literature – *Beyond Today* magazine, *Bible Study Course* lessons, booklets etc – comes to us from UCGIA without charge, effectively an indirect subsidy from UCGIA to UCG-BI.

- h. During the year UCG-BI arranged a charity account with “Amazon Smile”. To quote the details: *“AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon that lets customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on amazon.co.uk. The difference is that when customers shop through the URL smile.amazon.co.uk, Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) of eligible purchases to the charitable organisations selected by customers.”*
- i. Office work on the Church's database to comply with the GDPR regulations is continuing. With the overall principles for UCG-BI's data retention established, work has started, although progress is slow and will likely be completed after normal office working is resumed.

**Thanks!**

- I would like to thank the members and supporters of the United Church of God in the British Isles:
  - For their continued support and encouragement.
  - For their active involvement in our major activities.
  - For their ongoing personal motivation to develop as pillars and leaders.
  - For their financial support.
  - For their prayers and for their personal determination to follow God's lead in their lives.
- I would also like to thank the Home Office personnel of UCGIA, together with the Council of Elders and the administration, for their support, advice and sharing of ideas, for the *ucg.org* website, and for printed literature supplies, provided continually through the year as our stocks deplete.

David Fenney (CEO)

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**CEO's business plan**

As this 2021-2022 financial year starts, much uncertainty surrounds a potential return to what we used to refer to as “normal”. Several questions remain unanswered: When will we return to in-person church services and what will they be like? How will we interact with each other at Church? Will this year's Feast of Tabernacles go ahead as anticipated?

During the last almost 18 months, the pattern of our expenditure has swung towards proclamation, or preaching the gospel. As we return to “normal” that pattern will swing again to include in-person congregational meetings, along with ministerial and administration travel.

As I mentioned last year, we must not lose sight of our mission, which is: “The mission of the United Church of God, *an International Association*, is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God in all the world, make disciples in all nations and care for those disciples.” Paraphrased, this mission statement becomes the slogan “Preaching the gospel, Preparing a people.”

In whichever way this new financial year turns out, we must continue to place a high priority on identifying, developing, training, and encouraging additional leaders, speakers, and administrators within our Church community. We must continue to utilise the skills, abilities, talents, and spiritual gifts of those God has placed within its community – even enhancing the skills of both young and old so that they can work together for the common good and towards a shared goal.

Our previously stated key challenges remain:

1. To equip the saints in terms of identifying, training, developing, and mentoring a new generation of leaders within our Church congregations who can make those congregations work even better and who can in turn become the core of future congregations that we need to develop.
2. To inspire others to carry on the work of this present generation of volunteer administrators, that they in turn might contribute to our support structure at all levels: in the local congregations, in the National Council, in providing our major annual events such as the Feast of Tabernacles, children, youth and family activities, training activities and this annual general meeting.
3. To provide a welcoming Church environment in our present and potential future congregations that will encourage – alongside God's calling – the interest, growth and development of people who contact us in response to our preaching of the Gospel.

From our experience over almost 18 months, the first two key challenges are readily do-able with mid-week *Zoom* meetings linking participants from multiple congregations. The third key challenge must be picked up again soon, when our congregations once again welcome new people to in-person meetings.

**1. Church/local congregations/work of the ministry:**

- a. **26%** of the Church's overall expenditure budget has been allocated to this area.
- b. The immediate challenge under this heading will be to manage the return to in-person Sabbath and Holy Day services. Issues that will likely need to be addressed include: dealing with ongoing restrictions; consideration of our members' attitudes and opinions towards being back in Church and the ways in which they might be expected to interact

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in-person with others; the potential for welcoming new attendees; the continued use of *Zoom* for members at home; the potential ongoing need to combine some congregational groupings for speaking schedule reasons; the practicalities of congregational travel by the ministry and other speakers.

- c. While the volume of enquiries about visiting our Church meetings is currently low, we do continue to receive requests for information about services from both members and others who are remote from our existing congregations. The need remains to work towards establishing new regular meetings, ultimately leading to new congregations; to achieve this, further pastoral development, together with the encouragement and motivation of existing members, is required.
- d. While we do anticipate in-person congregational services during the 2021 autumn Holy Days, we will again encourage our members to continue to make their Holy Day offering donations directly to the Church, with no congregational Holy Day offering collections being arranged. For the congregations, there is the ever-growing challenge of finding and visiting convenient bank branches for paying in Holy Day offerings, and in that context this approach may become a permanent feature.
- e. Member training that addresses congregational, administrative, ministerial, and pastoral needs is being undertaken, with presentations already held in some congregations, and others to be held on an ongoing basis. Mid-week *Zoom* meetings facilitate this process.
- f. The Church will continue to make provision for appropriate individuals and couples to attend UCGIA's training activities, as opportunities present themselves.
- g. For the Feast of Tabernacles this year, 2021, planning has been hampered by the ongoing restrictions and by the impact of the lockdown earlier in the year (2021). While we currently anticipate going ahead with an in-person Feast of Tabernacles at the Prince of Wales Hotel in Southport, with a full schedule of Church services, it will also likely be with a reduced attendance, with very few – if any – overseas visitors, and with a minimal formal programme of social and other activities.
- h. For the Feast of Tabernacles next year, 2022, a decision for location and venue will need to be made soon. A core Feast planning team has been developed over recent years. As it is impractical to train up multiple independent teams to handle Feast sites in different places in different years, the Feast planning team will remain a standing function of the ministry, with a membership that includes the core team, supplemented by individuals who are local to each year's Feast site and who are able to contribute to the teamwork necessary for the Feast.
- i. Proposals for family activities for summer 2020 were developed early last year (2020) but were impacted by the Covid-19 situation. A family activity that was being planned for the west of England last summer later became an anticipated winter activity, then in 2021 it again became a proposed summer activity. It is still not possible for this event to be confirmed.
- j. Regular member and co-worker letters are still required, perhaps by adapting equivalent letters from UCGIA. If necessary for cost reasons such communications might be included on the [ucg.org.uk](http://ucg.org.uk) website on a regular basis.

## 2. Proclamation:

- a. 50% of the Church's expenditure budget has been allocated to this area.

- b. Together with our overall income, this area of the Church's expenditure will be the one to watch most closely as congregational in-person meetings and associated hall rental, together with ministerial and administrative travel, all begin to return to previous patterns and levels of expenditure.
- c. Our *Beyond Today* subscriber list in the UK and Ireland stands at a little over 7,000 for the July-August 2021 issue. This level fluctuates over time – historically, it has been as low as 1,500 and as high as 12,000; recently it reached just under 10,000. Clearly, most of our subscribers are not Church members. Our subscription level is essentially dictated by the tension between two opposing factors: (1) increases because of Internet advertising; and (2) losses due to non-renewals – our renewal rate is extremely low.
- d. Maintaining and increasing that circulation level further remains a priority. We will continue to use Internet advertising as our primary advertising tool and will continue to fund the UCGIA Home Office to do this advertising on our behalf. In addition, we will look at the process we use for renewals and examine possibilities for increasing our renewal rate.
- e. UCGIA anticipates publishing a new booklet during the year. We will make copies available to our members and advertise it to our overall mailing list. While this does cost money for advertising and postage, it also generates interest and useful feedback from our readership.
- f. The subscriber mailing address carriers for the *Beyond Today* magazine will continue to carry no-cost 'ads' offering various items of literature or highlighting the *Beyond Today* TV programme. In the past we have made use of both sides of the mailing address carrier to allow us the scope for additional interaction with our readers.
- g. Our writing skills need to be encouraged, developed, and enhanced. Articles for the *Supplement*, mini-advertorials for mailing address carriers and possible blogs for the [ucg.org.uk](http://ucg.org.uk) website, are all needed – in the form of concise, yet challenging inspiring and encouraging, biblically-based Christian-living material for both the 'un-churched' and the 'mainstream-churched' audiences. A training session addressing writing skills took place during the Feast of Tabernacles in 2019, and a follow-up session is anticipated before this year's Feast of Tabernacles, to be conducted using *Zoom*.

### **3. Administration:**

- a. **24%** of the Church's expenditure budget has been allocated to this area.
- b. The immediate challenge under this heading will be to manage the balance between working in the office and working from home. At present it seems likely that some working from home will continue, compared to working patterns prior to Covid.
- c. Concerning office workload generally: the office is still a part-time work environment, with personnel typically working three days per week.
- d. Office personnel, including the CEO and Treasurer, will continue to support activities such as: Database maintenance; Accounts records and bill-paying; Donations and Holy Day offerings records and paperwork; Website content management and maintenance; Safeguarding policies, procedures, and record-keeping; Payroll and associated matters; Gift Aid and associated record-keeping.
- e. Activities such as the production of, maintenance of, distribution of all other Church and/or Charity-related policies cannot be handled by office personnel at present. Both

UCGIA and the National Council require that the Church operates in accordance with various policies and procedures, for example, policies for personnel, travel and subsistence, health and safety, safeguarding. While UCG-BI does operate in accordance with such policies and procedures, additional work is needed to (1) keep our policies up-to-date and (2) keep our personnel up to date with sensitive Church-wide matters such as safeguarding. Church-wide training of personnel is also required on an on-going basis. These topics need to be reviewed and overseen by the National Council.

- f. The *ucg.org.uk* website needs to include more topical content, together with Church news, local sermons, and other messages.
- g. Our long-term goal of eliminating our request for a financial subsidy from UCGIA remains. The non-financial subsidy we receive from UCGIA in the form of literature stocks sent to us without charge will likely remain.
- h. Under the heading of General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), work is underway to remove old data from our database. We also need to implement enhancements to our record-keeping and to our records storage facilities. We also need to address technical issues such as the use of corporate email addresses by all those who are involved with working with the Church's data records in their various forms. Under GDPR it is essential that the Church has the appropriate consent of its members and others for potentially sensitive personal information which the ministry might compile and share during their Church work. This overall aspect of the Church's work has progressed slowly during the past year.
- i. A Strategic Plan still needs to be developed in conjunction with the National Council, with the aim of formally adopting a Strategic Plan for UCG-BI.
- j. The current lease of Peterson House in Chalfont St Giles will expire in February 2022; another lease extension will be arranged.

## **Conclusion**

I would like to conclude with a Bible passage: 2 Thessalonians 2:13–3:2.

**Firstly:** from verses 13-14, there are two assertions: (1) God has chosen people for salvation; and (2) God has called people by means of the Gospel being preached.

**Secondly:** from verse 15 and verse 1, there are two imperatives: (1) that Church people are to stand fast and hold to what they have been taught; and (2) Church people are to pray that the word of God may run swiftly and be glorified in the lives of those to whom it is being preached, just as it was when they themselves originally heard the word preached.

**Thirdly:** verses 16-17 are Paul's prayer of encouragement to the Church: that Jesus Christ and God the Father would comfort the Church and establish or strengthen it in every good word and work.

We might reflect on this encouragement and adopt it and adapt it for doing the work of God in our time, in our world with its ever-changing – and deteriorating – culture, values and spiritual condition.

David Fenney (CEO)

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|                |                                            |               |               |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>2020</b>    | <b><u>Income</u></b>                       |               |               |
| 133180         | General Income                             |               | 155216        |
| 66251          | Holy Day Offerings                         |               | 68750         |
| 24312          | Gift Aid Refunds                           |               | 5289          |
| 4319           | Festival Donations                         |               | 3016          |
| 356            | Welfare General                            |               | 1039          |
| 18081          | Other Income                               |               | 19206         |
| 93             | Interest Received                          |               | 5             |
| <u>246592</u>  |                                            |               | <u>252521</u> |
|                | <b><u>Deduct Expenditure</u></b>           |               |               |
|                | <b><u>Church</u></b>                       |               |               |
| 9857           | Church Administration                      | 3524          |               |
| 6984           | Local Church Travel and Subsistence        | 57            |               |
| 19114          | Local Church Hall Hire                     | 2353          |               |
| 348            | Local Church Miscellaneous                 | 178           |               |
| 713            | Youth                                      | -             |               |
| 11712          | Festivals                                  | 367           |               |
| 127            | Welfare and Assistance                     | 49            |               |
| 6370           | Local Church Wages                         | 6562          |               |
| <u>55225</u>   |                                            | <u>13090</u>  |               |
|                | <b><u>Proclamation</u></b>                 |               |               |
| 30695          | Media                                      | 27960         |               |
| 18420          | Publications Wages                         | 26678         |               |
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| 10416          | Publications Contracted Services           | 10482         |               |
| 8293           | Publications Printing and Pre-Press        | 10099         |               |
| 2404           | Publications Envelopes and Literature      | 1946          |               |
| 708            | Publications Travel                        | 855           |               |
| -              | Publications Supplies                      | 471           |               |
| <u>128305</u>  |                                            | <u>138138</u> |               |
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| 1005           | Depreciation                               | 828           |               |
| 10987          | Contracted Services                        | 119           |               |
| 175            | Exchange Rate Variance                     | -             |               |
| 179            | Suspense/Mispastings                       | 196           |               |
| <u>78636</u>   |                                            | <u>65196</u>  | <u>216424</u> |
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**UNITED CHURCH OF GOD -**  
**BRITISH ISLES**

**CHARITY NO: 1079192**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

**UNITED CHURCH OF GOD - BRITISH ISLES**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

**Charity's Principal Address**

Peterson House  
The Green  
High Street  
Chalfont St Giles  
Bucks  
HP8 4QF

**Bankers**

HSBC  
9 Penn Road  
Beaconsfield  
Buckinghamshire  
HP9 2PT

**Charity Trustees**

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| D Fenney | CEO      |
| D Payne  | Chairman |
| D Jarvis |          |
| B Crook  |          |
| B Ellams |          |

## **UNITED CHURCH OF GOD - BRITISH ISLES**

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity, United Church Of God - British Isles, for the year ended 30 June 2021.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES AND BASIS OF REPORT**

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").

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.

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS STATEMENT**

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 accounting records

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**UNITED CHURCH OF GOD - BRITISH ISLES**

**BALANCE SHEET - 30 JUNE 2021**

| <b><u>2020</u></b> |                                              | <b><u>Notes</u></b> |               |
|--------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 3014               | <b><u>Fixed Assets</u></b>                   | 4                   | 2483          |
|                    | <b><u>Current Assets</u></b>                 |                     |               |
| 5789               | Debtors and Prepayments                      | 7463                |               |
| 15424              | Cash at Bank:- Current Account Nat West      | 24356               |               |
| 825                | Reserve Account                              | 825                 |               |
| 263                | PayPal Account                               | 1941                |               |
| 52600              | Current Account HSBC                         | 78209               |               |
| 49009              | Liquidity Account                            | 49013               |               |
| 278                | HSBC Savings Account                         | 278                 |               |
| 373                | Cash In Hand                                 | 698                 |               |
| 124561             |                                              | 162783              |               |
|                    | <b><u>Current Liabilities</u></b>            |                     |               |
| 1836               | Creditors and Accruals - due within one year | 5                   | 3430          |
|                    |                                              |                     | 159353        |
| <u>125739</u>      | <b><u>Total Net Assets</u></b>               |                     | <u>161836</u> |
|                    | <b><u>Represented By:</u></b>                |                     |               |
| 125739             | Members General Fund                         | 7                   | 161836        |
| <u>125739</u>      |                                              |                     | <u>161836</u> |

..... B Fenney (Treasurer)

..... D Payne (Chairman)

..... B Crook (Member)

Date.....

**UNITED CHURCH OF GOD - BRITISH ISLES****INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

| <b>2020</b>    | <b>Income</b>                              |               |               |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 133180         | General Income                             |               | 155216        |
| 66251          | Holy Day Offerings                         |               | 68750         |
| 24312          | Gift Aid Refunds                           |               | 5289          |
| 4319           | Festival Donations                         |               | 3016          |
| 356            | Welfare General                            |               | 1039          |
| 18081          | Other Income                               |               | 19206         |
| 93             | Interest Received                          |               | 5             |
| <u>246592</u>  |                                            |               | <u>252521</u> |
|                | <b><u>Deduct Expenditure</u></b>           |               |               |
|                | <b><u>Church</u></b>                       |               |               |
| 9857           | Church Administration                      | 3524          |               |
| 6984           | Local Church Travel and Subsistence        | 57            |               |
| 19114          | Local Church Hall Hire                     | 2353          |               |
| 348            | Local Church Miscellaneous                 | 178           |               |
| 713            | Youth                                      | -             |               |
| 11712          | Festivals                                  | 367           |               |
| 127            | Welfare and Assistance                     | 49            |               |
| 6370           | Local Church Wages                         | 6562          |               |
| <u>55225</u>   |                                            | <u>13090</u>  |               |
|                | <b><u>Proclamation</u></b>                 |               |               |
| 30695          | Media                                      | 27960         |               |
| 18420          | Publications Wages                         | 26678         |               |
| 57369          | Publications Postage and Shipping          | 59647         |               |
| 10416          | Publications Contracted Services           | 10482         |               |
| 8293           | Publications Printing and Pre-Press        | 10099         |               |
| 2404           | Publications Envelopes and Literature      | 1946          |               |
| 708            | Publications Travel                        | 855           |               |
| -              | Publications Supplies                      | 471           |               |
| <u>128305</u>  |                                            | <u>138138</u> |               |
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|                |                                            |               | <u>36097</u>  |

**UNITED CHURCH OF GOD - BRITISH ISLES**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

1. **Accounting Policies**

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities and the Charities SORP.

|                                                      |                    |                    |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 2. <b><u>Independent Examiner's Remuneration</u></b> | <b><u>2020</u></b> | <b><u>2021</u></b> |
|                                                      | £                  | £                  |
| Examination Fee Paid                                 | 950                | 975                |

|                                             |                    |                    |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 3. <b><u>Employee Remuneration</u></b>      | <b><u>2020</u></b> | <b><u>2021</u></b> |
|                                             | £                  | £                  |
| Total Amounts paid to Employees             | 41880              | 53904              |
| Average number of employees during the year | 6                  | 6                  |

|                                        |                                                  |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| 4. <b><u>Tangible Fixed Assets</u></b> | <b><u>Fixtures, Fittings &amp; Equipment</u></b> |
|                                        | £                                                |
| Cost at 1.7.2020                       | 19743                                            |
| Additions                              | 297                                              |
| Disposals                              | -                                                |
| Cost at 30.6.2021                      | <u>20040</u>                                     |
| Depreciation at 1.7.2020               | 16729                                            |
| Charge for Year                        | 828                                              |
| Written Back on Disposals              | -                                                |
| Depreciation at 30.6.2021              | <u>17557</u>                                     |
| Net Book Value at 30.6.2021            | <u>2483</u>                                      |
| Net Book Value at 30.6.2020            | <u>3014</u>                                      |

Depreciation is charged at a rate of 25% per annum on a reducing balance basis.

**UNITED CHURCH OF GOD - BRITISH ISLES**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2021**

|                                                               |                    |                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>5. <u>Creditors and Accruals - Due Within One Year</u></b> | <b><u>2020</u></b> | <b><u>2021</u></b> |
|                                                               | £                  | £                  |
| Trade Creditors                                               | -                  | -                  |
| Bank Loans and Overdrafts                                     | -                  | -                  |
| Tax and Social Security                                       | -                  | -                  |
| Other Creditors                                               | 1836               | 3430               |
|                                                               | <u>1836</u>        | <u>3430</u>        |
| <br>                                                          |                    |                    |
| <b>6. <u>Other Disclosure Issues</u></b>                      | <b><u>2020</u></b> | <b><u>2021</u></b> |
|                                                               | £                  | £                  |
| Commitments not provided for in the accounts                  | -                  | -                  |
| Guarantees provided for                                       | -                  | -                  |
| Amount of Assets secured                                      | -                  | -                  |
| <br>                                                          |                    |                    |
| <b>7. <u>Members' General Fund</u></b>                        |                    |                    |
|                                                               | £                  |                    |
| At 1.7.2020                                                   | 125739             |                    |
| Net Surplus/(Deficit) for the Year                            | 36097              |                    |
| Prior year adjustments                                        | -                  |                    |
| Balance at 30.6.2021                                          | <u>161836</u>      |                    |