

**PLACE OF REFUGE MINISTRIES  
INTERNATIONAL**

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL  
STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2024**

**Charity Number: 1080354**

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## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2024**

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## **PLACE OF REFUGE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL**

### **TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

The Trustees are pleased to present their annual report for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 together with the financial statements for that period.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS**

##### **Working name**

Place of Refuge Ministries International

##### **Charity's principal address:**

9 Shirley Avenue  
Croydon  
Surrey  
CR0 8SL

##### **Trustees**

Winston Carter  
Rosetta Carter  
Abi Ogiesewu

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

Place of Refuge Ministries governing document is the Declaration of Trust dated 30th June 1999. The trustees named on page 1 have served throughout the year. Appointment of trustees is governed by the Trust Deed of the charity. The Board of Trustees is authorised to appoint new trustees to fill vacancies arising through resignation or death of an existing trustee.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The objective of the charity is to advance the Christian faith (in accordance with the statement of beliefs) in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit; to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support and to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees from time to time may think fit. The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

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### TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT - continued

#### ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

##### **Orphanage Support (India)**

We continue to work together with Jabula Europe & Asia, providing regular financial support to an orphanage in India. Also provided additional financial help for medical treatment as they occur.

##### **Higher Education Support**

Supporting the education and development of university student by helping with fees and other associated costs.

##### **Bereavement Counselling**

Provide bereavement counselling to the local community as required using qualified bereavement counsellors. This service has been in great demand and has been extremely helpful to the community.

##### **Help/Support**

Provide help to various members of the community by topping up their electricity/gas payment cards. Provide emergency grocery help by taking them shopping and paying for basic necessities. They are then directed to a local Foodbank for further support.

##### **Bernstein Bismark UTOPIA Mission.**

We provide financial support to the Bernstein Bismark UTOPIA Mission and are actively involved in fundraising events.

The Bernstein Bismark UTOPIA Mission commits to providing economic development opportunities and humanitarian assistance to those whose social, geographic, and economic infrastructure disables them from gaining access to basic life necessities. We help facilitate global transformation and human dignity through education and contributing the eradication of hunger and disease. We deliver food, safe drinking water, healthcare/medical

#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

For the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 the trustees consider the financial position of the charity to be strong and in line with expectations. The reserves at the end of the year were £197,279 (2023 £191,985). Reserves are held in order to fulfil the charities aims and objectives in the future.

#### DECLARATION

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

**Winston Carter** – Trustee

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF PLACE OF REFUGE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL**

I report on the accounts of the charity (charity number 1080354) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 which are set out on pages 4 to 7.

### **RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER**

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act,
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **BASIS OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met, or to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

***Roger Storey***

*Roger P B Storey FCMA  
26 Cherry Orchard Road,  
Bromley, Kent, BR2 8NE*

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	<u>2024</u> Total Funds £	<u>2023</u> Total Funds £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Tithes and offerings		28,174	0	28,174	25,658
Gift Aid receipts		6,618	0	6,618	6,608
Interest Received		1,609	0	1,609	291
		<u>36,401</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>36,401</u>	<u>32,557</u>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Charitable activities	2	31,108	0	31,108	24,999
		<u>31,108</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>31,108</u>	<u>24,999</u>
<b>Net income and net movement in funds</b>		<u>5,294</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,294</u>	<u>7,557</u>
Total funds brought forward		191,985	0	191,985	184,428
Total funds carried forward		<u><b>197,279</b></u>	<u><b>0</b></u>	<u><b>197,279</b></u>	<u><b>191,985</b></u>

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

The charity has no recognised gains or losses other than the results for the year as set out above. All activities of the charity are classed as continuing.

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## BALANCE SHEET AT 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash at bank	197,382	192,168
<b>Total Current assets</b>	<u>197,382</u>	<u>192,168</u>
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Sundry creditor PAYE due	103	283
<b>Total Current liabilities</b>	<u>103</u>	<u>283</u>
<b>Net current assets</b>	<b><u>197,279</u></b>	<b><u>191,985</u></b>
<b>Funds</b>		
Unrestricted funds	197,279	191,985
Restricted funds	0	0
	<u>197,279</u>	<b><u>191,985</u></b>

Approved by the trustees on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024

***Winston Carter***

Winston Carter - Trustee

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### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2024

#### 1 Accounting Policies

##### 1.1 Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Companies Act 2006. Place of Refuge Ministries International meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

##### 1.2 Income recognition

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

##### 1.3 Expenditure recognition

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis. All expenses including support costs and governance costs are allocated or apportioned to the applicable expenditure headings.

##### 1.4 Unrestricted funds

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees; restricted funds are subject to restrictions imposed by the donor.

##### 1.5 Trustees remuneration and benefits

The Charity employed its minister, Revd Winston Carter to carry out the objectives of the church during the year.

##### Staff

The number of employees during the year was as follows:

2024 - 1 (2023 – 1)

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



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**2 Expenditure on charitable activities**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Staff salary	12,570	12,570
Rent and hire of church premises	4,770	3,405
Insurance	0	249
Gifts and donations	1,879	3,767
Telephone	345	467
Travel costs	206	0
Printing, post, stationery, computer expenses	33	107
Accountancy fees	840	840
Legal fees	6,766	
Other Charitable expenses	3,699	3,594
	<u>31,108</u>	<u>24,999</u>