

LightCity Church Trustees Annual Report

For the year ending 31st December 2023

Charity Name: LightCity Church

Charity Registration Number: **1094949**

Address:
149 Glastonbury Road
Morden-Surrey
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Objectives and Activities

LightCity Church is a Christian charity committed to advancing faith, education, health, personal development, and the relief of poverty. Our primary objectives are:

1. Advancing the Christian Faith in the UK and internationally, providing spiritual support and religious education.
2. Relieving sickness and financial hardship, promoting health and well-being through counseling, medical missions, and other support services.
3. Advancing education through learning programs, resources, and skills development.
4. Equipping individuals and communities to discover and develop their potential, supporting personal and societal advancement.

Public Benefit

The trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. LightCity Church strives to serve communities through charitable programs and initiatives, offering support and resources to help individuals and families in need.

Achievements and Performance

In the past year, LightCity Church has made significant strides in advancing its objectives. Key activities and outcomes include:

1. Advancement of the Christian Faith

- **Community Worship and Prayer Events:** Provided a safe space for community worship and reflection, hosting weekly services attended by individuals of all ages and backgrounds. Special prayer events were held, focusing on national unity and peace in our communities.
- **Knife Crime Prevention Event:** Partnered with local organizations and law enforcement to host a knife crime prevention event, attended by 200 young people and community members. This event offered practical guidance, mentorship opportunities, and provided a platform for positive engagement.
- **Marital Counseling:** Offered marital and family counseling sessions to couples and families in need of support. Over 50 families benefited, receiving guidance and resources for building healthier relationships.
- **Women Empowerment Program:** Launched a program focused on empowering women through skills training, workshops on self-confidence, and small business grants. The program reached over 75 women, enabling them to build skills and pursue personal goals.

2. Relief of Poverty and Support for Health Initiatives

- **International Medical Mission:** Organized a medical mission to Ghana, delivering essential healthcare services, medicines, and hygiene supplies to

underserved communities. Our team provided medical screening and care to over 500 individuals, through our local and international medical missions, focusing on preventive health education and basic medical support.

- **Local Health Initiatives:** In the UK, hosted a series of health workshops on topics such as mental health, addiction recovery, and stress management. Additionally, free health screenings were offered in partnership with local healthcare providers, benefiting 150 community members.
- **Financial Support for LightCity Church Ghana Building:** Provided financial assistance toward the construction of a new church facility in Ghana, which will serve as a center for community worship, education, and medical outreach. The building will support ongoing religious and health initiatives for the local community.

3. Advancement of Education

- **Youth Education and Mentorship:** Supported youth through tutoring programs and mentorship, helping young people enhance literacy and numeracy skills. Over 100 children participated, with many showing improved academic performance.
- **Educational Workshops for Personal Development:** Held workshops for job readiness, financial literacy, and personal development, focusing on underprivileged community members. These sessions reached over 80 individuals, providing them with the skills needed for employment and personal growth.
- **Support for Other Charities:** Partnered with local and international charities to provide resources, share expertise, and support broader education and development goals.

4. Personal Development and Community Empowerment

- **Volunteer and Leadership Development:** Our training programs for volunteers have enabled individuals to gain practical skills and confidence.

These volunteers have been active in various community projects, fostering a culture of service and personal responsibility.

- **Skills and Talents Training:** Provided courses and support programs that encourage individuals to explore and develop their talents. Programs included small business training, workshops on leadership skills, and personal development coaching.
- **Community Building and Engagement:** Our community outreach and engagement activities have encouraged stronger community ties, with residents actively taking part in volunteer work, educational workshops, and neighborhood improvement projects.

Financial Review

LightCity Church is funded primarily through donations, grants, and fundraising activities. We have managed these resources prudently to maintain a stable financial position, allowing us to expand our programs and extend our reach.

Income

- Total income for the year: £27,227
- Primary income sources: Donations, Grants, and Fundraising Activities

Expenditure

- Total expenditure for the year: £33,674
- Major areas of expenditure: Community programs, health missions, operational costs, and outreach events.

Trustees regularly review financial practices to ensure that funds are managed responsibly and in line with our aims. LightCity Church keeps a reserves policy to support ongoing and future projects.

Future Plans

In the coming year, LightCity Church aims to:

- Continue building partnerships with local and international charities to expand our health and education programs.
- Support the completion of the LightCity Church building in Ghana, enabling ongoing services, educational outreach, and health initiatives.
- Strengthen our knife crime prevention program, offering additional events and resources to address youth violence.
- Expand our women empowerment program, offering business skills training and micro-loans to support economic self-sufficiency.

Governance and Management

The Board of Trustees oversees the charity's activities and ensures compliance with regulatory requirements. Trustees meet quarterly to review progress, assess risks, and make strategic decisions for the charity's development. Policies on safeguarding, financial management, and volunteer engagement are reviewed regularly to align with best practices.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved this Annual Report for the year ending 31st December 2023.

Trustee's Names

Rev David Kwakye-Saka

Bishop Ben Osei Owusu-Ansah

Jesse Debrah Grant

Mr Tim Krolak

Mr Emmanuel Attuquayefio

Rev Mrs Emelia Kwakye-Saka

Chair of Trustees: Rev David Kwakye-Saka

Date: 25/10/2024



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
LIGHTCITY CHURCH

No (if any)
1094949

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date 01/01/2023	To	Period end date 31/12/2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Donations	26,997	-	-	26,997	22,635
Interest received	230	-	-	230	17
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	27,227	-	-	27,227	22,652
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27,227	-	-	27,227	22,652
A3 Payments					
Charity donations	200	-	-	200	430
Online meetings costs	82	-	-	82	166
Expensed equipments	1,719	-	-	1,719	857
Honorarium	200	-	-	200	-
Hospitality & refreshments	1,389	-	-	1,389	438
Insurance	272	-	-	272	352
Ministry expenses	1,463	-	-	1,463	1,073
Overseas missions	9,514	-	-	9,514	-
Rent	12,575	-	-	12,575	3,400
Software costs	80	-	-	80	80
Subscriptions	300	-	-	300	300
Sundry expenses	447	-	-	447	542
Telephone and fax	1,918	-	-	1,918	903
Travel & subsistence	537	-	-	537	201
Wages & salaries	2,300	-	-	2,300	3,750
Website costs	278	-	-	278	235
Welfare support	400	-	-	400	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	33,674	-	-	33,674	12,727
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	33,674	-	-	33,674	12,727
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 6,447	-	-	- 6,447	9,925
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	32,110	-	-	32,110	22,185
Cash funds this year end	25,663	-	-	25,663	32,110

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash at bank	25,663	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	25,663	-	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
			-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	
		David Kwakye-Saka		

LIGHTCITY CHURCH
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of LIGHTCITY CHURCH ('the Charity')

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2023.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the Trustees of the Charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). I report in respect of my examination of the Charity'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 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Charity has prepared the accounts in accordance with 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) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

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

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no 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 Charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 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 content 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.

Signed: *Daniel Tabiri*

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31.10.2024

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