

CHRESTOS MISSION

**(Company limited by guarantee
and not having a share capital)**

**Annual Report and Accounts
for the year ended
31 December 2024**

Company No:

4500963

Registered Charity No:

1095325

CHRESTOS MISSION
Annual Report and Accounts
for the year ended
31 December 2024

CONTENTS

	Page
Trustees' Report	1-7
Independent Examiner's Report	8
Statement of Financial Activities (incorporating Income and Expenditure Account)	9-10
Balance Sheet	11
Notes to the Accounts	12-13

CHRESTOS MISSION

TRUSTEES' REPORT

for the year ended

31 December 2024

The Trustees present their report with the accounts of Chrestos Mission for the year ended 31 December 2024.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Incorporation and company status

Chrestos Mission was incorporated under the Companies Act 1985 as a private limited company on 1 August 2002. The company number is 4500963. It is constituted under its Memorandum and Articles of Association as a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. The company may have up to 12 members and the liability of the members in the event of Chrestos Mission being wound up is limited to £1 each.

Charitable status

Chrestos Mission was granted the status of a registered charity by the Charity Commission for England and Wales on 9 January 2003. Its registered number is 1095325.

Charitable objects

The objects of Chrestos Mission are:

- i) to advance Christianity by showing the love of Jesus Christ, in particular through missionary work and providing Christian literature and Bible classes;
- ii) to relieve poverty, suffering and distress in accordance with Christian principles, in particular by caring for the sick, training health workers, and providing medicines, clothing, blankets and food;
- iii) to advance education, in particular by the provision of classes in the English language, computer science, and other subjects of use to those receiving such education.

Chrestos Mission operates principally among the Karen people in Thailand.

Address

The registered address of Chrestos Mission is 2nd Floor, 159a Chase Side, Enfield, EN2 0PW.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Structure

Chrestos Mission is governed by its Board of Trustees in the United Kingdom, who are also Directors of the company. The Mission's activities in Thailand require it to be registered as a charity in Thailand, and to have a Board of Trustees in Thailand who are responsible to the Government of Thailand for the local operations of the charity. Responsibilities to the Government include a local audit of the accounts, an annual safeguarding investigation and report on the orphanage, and certain reports provided to the Mae Sariang local government office. The United Kingdom Board works closely with the Thailand Board and the two are mutually supportive in seeking to achieve the Mission's objectives. Responsibility for the day-to-day operations of Chrestos Mission in Thailand is given to the Director of Overseas Operations, Mr Wittaya Wanasatit, who is resident in Thailand.

CHRESTOS MISSION

TRUSTEES' REPORT, continued for the year ended 31 December 2024

Trustees

The following Trustees served on the United Kingdom Board during the year and up to the date of this report:

Allison Christine Fitter
Edward Frank Goveia
Neil John Hardy
Anthony John Harrop
Rosslyn Anne Hill
Peter Maycock (Secretary)
Norman John Silverstone (Treasurer)
Jacqueline Jennifer Wells

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Objectives

The objectives of Chrestos Mission are its charitable objects as stated on page 1.

Review of activities during the year

Staff

We are grateful for the dedication and hard work of our staff during the year. The numbers of staff in the employment of Chrestos Mission in 2024 according to their area of responsibility were:

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
Director	1	-	1
Manager	1	-	1
Office and Education	4	5	9
Media/public relations	3	-	3
Orphanage	1	1	2
Volunteers	2	-	2
<i>Grand total</i>	12	6	18

The Bible School

Numbers of students

The numbers of students for the academic year 2024 were:

	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>Total</i>
First Year	9	5	14
Second Year	7	7	14
Third Year	7	7	14
Fourth Year	7	14	21
<i>Grand total</i>	30	33	63

CHRESTOS MISSION

TRUSTEES' REPORT, continued for the year ended 31 December 2024

Review of activities during the year, continued

The Bible School, continued

Study of the Bible

Our full-time teachers and invited professors provided knowledge and understanding to students about the Bible. Chrestos students study the entire Bible as well as practical ministry over a period of four years. Students are taught biblical history, morality and ethics. Those completing the required studies are able to graduate and receive an educational certificate from the Chrestos Foundation.

Field internship activities for 4th year students

There were a total of 21 fourth-year students on internships this year, working for a period of six months from September 2024 to February 2025. The interns were well received by the churches to which they were sent, acquiring valuable knowledge and experience which they will be able to apply to God's service in the future.

Music education and choir practice

Teachers in this field included Professor Ekachai Buranathani, Professor Veerachai, Sawat Aramruang, Nakorn Axkasa, Saw Hsar Thaw Wah and Sion Si. Students performed well, singing in choirs, performing band music and putting on shows at various events. They have built a solid reputation!

Computer education

Because of the varying levels of experience in computer science, students were grouped according to their potential and basic computing abilities. However, due to the limited number of computing facilities available, students' ability to learn was restricted. The teacher responsible for computer science is Rujira Narueman.

Agricultural education

The objective is to provide students with agricultural knowledge and understanding, which can be applied in life. When students graduate, they can teach church members a wide range of skills such as growing various vegetables, propagating plants, raising animals, fishing, agricultural processing, etc. The teachers responsible for agricultural education are Professor Witthaya Wanasathit and Professor Wichit Theeradetsap.

Health activities

The Chrestos Foundation, in addition to promoting and supporting students in their studies and morality and ethics, also promotes and supports their good health. They eat a complete diet of the five main food groups, and learn about health and hygiene, especially in the current situation where there are seasonal outbreaks of various infections. We have learned about ways to protect ourselves from viruses and various epidemics. We also encourage students to play sports and exercise for their own personal good health.

CHRESTOS MISSION

TRUSTEES' REPORT, continued for the year ended 31 December 2024

Review of activities during the year, continued

The Bible School, continued

Social activities

The Chrestos Foundation has collaborated with other organizations, both public and private, to provide various social activities. These train students and personnel in the various agencies to work together to serve society with a volunteer spirit, and to facilitate community development into the future.

The Orphanage

Chrestos has an orphanage for boys which is known as The Home of Peace and Joy.

Educational activities

Chrestos has helped to support tuition fees of boys who go to study at various educational institutions such as Mae Sariang Boriphath Suksa School, Thairath Wittaya 33 School, Ban Nam Dib School and Lampang Rajabhat University. This provides boys with the opportunity to study and acquire knowledge according to their own abilities. After graduating, each boy will be able to use his knowledge and abilities in his future chosen career.

Health activities

Boys at The Home of Peace and Joy are encouraged to exercise and play sports, including participation in sports competitions on various occasions. This promotes good health and encourages strong spirits.

Moral and ethical aspects (spiritual)

Chrestos promotes and supports boys at The Home of Peace and Joy by ensuring they have the opportunity to worship God together with the Bible School students. They study the word of God through Sunday School Study, enabling them to learn the principles of God's teachings according to the Bible, and to live life according to the will of God.

Agricultural activities

The growing of vegetables helps to train the boys who come to live in the Home of Peace and Joy. In learning about farming, they learn how to earn a living and to provide nutritious food for themselves.

Media

Short drama performance activity

Students are encouraged to express themselves and use their acting abilities to share the good news of the gospel, and to film a short film for students who are about to graduate in the 4th year. The teacher who is responsible for supervising this activity is Acharn Alak Srisawai Champa.

CHRESTOS MISSION
TRUSTEES' REPORT, continued
for the year ended
31 December 2024

Review of activities during the year, continued

Media, continued

Music activities

Students are encouraged to learn to sing in harmony, to play music, and to produce musical media. There is a recording studio to facilitate production of evangelical material through music.

Media production activities

Using Youtube, Facebook and the Chrestos website, media productions are distributed via the Internet, to publicize various activities of the Chrestos Foundation.

Support and Relief

Chrestos supports a total of 16 Christian workers in the Mae Sariang District.

Chrestos supports two dormitories: 1. Mae Sariang Christian Student Dormitory, Ban Pong, Village No. 12, Ban Kas Subdistrict, Mae Sariang District, Mae Hong Son Province. 2. Khun Yuam Christian Dormitory, Ban Pong Sila, Khun Yuam Subdistrict, Khun Yuam District, Mae Hong Son Province. We provide support in various areas such as building construction costs, food costs, and sports and health expenses.

Chrestos provides assistance to help the poor and victims of various disasters on a case-by-case basis. When letters requesting help are received, each situation is carefully assessed and responded to according to our ability.

Other activities

Alumni Club

There are students who come to study at The Chrestos Foundation every year, and there are 18 graduated classes of students. This means that there are now a significant number of graduated students. The Alumni Club has been set up with the objectives of continuing the Foundation's operations, to participate in promotion and future development of the Foundation, and to build mutually supportive relationships within the Alumni Club.

Activities to visit the homes of students and alumni

During school break (Mid-March - May), students who come to study at The Chrestos Foundation travel back to their home villages. The Foundation organises visits to the homes of current students to see the living conditions of their families, as well as to gain a better understanding of the living conditions and family backgrounds of students. At the same time, the Foundation arranges to visit various alumni living in the same areas, to encourage them and to support them in their ministry.

Other activities

In 2024 we completed the construction of a staff accommodation building, comprising a two-storey house with five units.

CHRESTOS MISSION

TRUSTEES' REPORT, continued for the year ended 31 December 2024

Plans for future periods

The Board wishes to thank Mr Wittaya Wanasatit who has ably continued to serve as Director of Chrestos Mission Thailand during the year under review. Future leaders of various aspects of the work continue to be sought.

Words of thanks from Chrestos Mission Foundation, Thailand

The Chrestos Foundation would like to thank God for enabling the work of the Foundation, with the cooperation of all parties, to run smoothly. Thanks also to those who participated in supporting us financially from the UK and different countries. We would like to thank the Board of Directors of the Chrestos Foundation, Thailand, and everyone who has so faithfully supported the work. We would also like to thank the team at Chrestos Mission UK, and all those who put in their physical and mental strength to make God's mission successful for another year. We would like to thank all the various agencies in the Government and private sectors who are involved in supporting and assisting with documents for the Foundation's operations, as well as other aspects that promote and support the work of The Chrestos Foundation. We thank you all, and may God bless you forever.

Statement on public benefit

In deciding what activities Chrestos Mission should undertake during the year, the Trustees have paid due regard to The Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Trustees consider that the objects for which the charity was formed as stated above, and the activities during the year as described above, are for the public benefit.

Chrestos Mission teaches and seeks to put into practice the example and teachings of Jesus Christ as set out in the Bible. Our conviction is that when people take Jesus Christ and the Bible seriously, it prompts them to deliver public benefit. The Bible urges people to be good citizens, fully engaged in civil society, working for the good of fellow citizens everywhere of whatever race or creed.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Results for the year

The monies which have been given towards the objects for which Chrestos Mission was established, and the manner in which those monies have been expended or set aside for future use, are shown in the Statement of Financial Activities and the Balance Sheet on pages 9 to 11. The Trustees report a deficit for the year of £28,572 (2023 – surplus of £76,228). Cash reserves at 31 December 2024 stood at £103,401 (2023 - £122,401).

The Mission's major assets continue to be its buildings and facilities at Mae Sariang which are held in the name of its Thailand-registered charity, Chrestos Mission Foundation. We thank our friends, well-wishers and churches in the United Kingdom and overseas for their encouragement in prayers and financial support.

Statement on risks

The Trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which the charity is exposed. Systems have been designed and established to mitigate those risks.

CHRESTOS MISSION

TRUSTEES' REPORT, continued for the year ended 31 December 2024

Trustees' responsibility for the accounts

The Trustees (who are Directors of the company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards. Company law and the law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and the incoming resources and application of resources for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- (i) select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- (ii) observe the methods and principles of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice;
- (iii) make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (iv) state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- (v) prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity, and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the charity and financial information included on the charity's website.

Approved by the Trustees on 10 May 2025

and signed on their behalf by


Peter Maycock

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

**to the Trustees and Members
on the unaudited accounts of**

**CHRESTOS MISSION
for the year ended 31 December 2024**

I report to the charity Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Chrestos Mission for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 9 to 14.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the Trustees of the charity (and also its directors for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').


Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the charity are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent Examiner's statement

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 charity as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
- (2) the accounts do not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act 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; or
- (4) the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

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.



Andrew Geary
Chartered Accountant

Geary Partnership
Chartered Accountants
159a Chase Side, Enfield, EN2 0PW

Date: 10 May 2025

CHRESTOS MISSION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (incorporating INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024			2023
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £	Total £
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Donations and legacies				
General gifts received	62,278	33,352	95,630	142,627
Legacies received	-	-	-	56,114
Tax recoverable on gift aid income	-	-	-	2,147
	62,278	33,352	95,630	200,888
Other income				
Bank interest received	2,232	-	2,232	1,102
Sales of Karen publications	82	-	82	7,269
Bible School student fees received	6,791	-	6,791	5,973
Other sales and fees received	3,493	-	3,493	3,390
	12,598	-	12,598	17,734
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	74,876	33,352	108,228	218,622
RESOURCES EXPENDED				
Charitable activities (excluding capital expenditure shown in note 2 to the accounts)				
Bible School	46,308	24,207	70,515	73,117
Orphanage	3,056	8,069	11,125	10,705
Media	7,675	538	8,213	8,937
Relief	13,636	-	13,636	13,254
Thailand administration expenses	17,308	538	17,846	20,131
	87,983	33,352	121,335	126,144
Governance costs				
UK accountancy fees	1,200	-	1,200	1,200
Thailand audit fees	337	-	337	-
	1,537	-	1,537	1,200
Other expenditure				
UK website, communications and compliance	306	-	306	862
Depreciation and profit/loss on sale of fixed assets	12,888	-	12,888	13,294
Exchange loss/(gain) on overseas bank balances	538	-	538	673
Bank charges	196	-	196	221
	13,928	-	13,928	15,050
TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED	103,448	33,352	136,800	142,394
NET INCOMING/(OUTGOING) RESOURCES FOR THE YEAR and NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	(28,572)	--	(28,572)	76,228

CHRESTOS MISSION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES, continued (incorporating INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT) for the year ended 31 December 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS (Note 1(g) to the accounts)		
<i>Unrestricted funds:</i>		
General Fund		
Fund brought forward	478,825	402,597
Incoming resources for the year	74,876	182,398
(Outgoing) resources for the year	(103,448)	(106,170)
Fund carried forward	450,253	478,825
Designated Fund: Orphanage Reserve		
Fund brought forward and carried forward	25,000	25,000
<i>Restricted funds:</i>		
Sponsorship Fund		
Fund brought forward		-
Incoming resources for the year:		
Bible School student sponsorships	23,131	24,149
Orphan sponsorships	7,531	8,233
Staff sponsorships	2,690	3,842
	33,352	36,224
(Outgoing) resources for the year:		
Bible School	(24,207)	(25,247)
Orphanage	(8,069)	(9,330)
Media	(538)	(549)
Thailand administration expenses	(538)	(1,098)
	(33,352)	(36,224)
Fund carried forward	-	-

CHRESTOS MISSION

(Company limited by guarantee
and not having a share capital)
Company number: 4500963

BALANCE SHEET 31 December 2024

	Note	£	2024 £	£	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets (Thailand)	2		364,611		374,183
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	3	8,441		8,441	
Cash at bank and in hand:					
United Kingdom		91,772		95,637	
Thailand		11,629		26,764	
			-----	-----	
		111,842		130,842	
CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year	4	(1,200)		(1,200)	
			-----	-----	
NET CURRENT ASSETS			110,642		129,642
			-----		-----
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES			475,253		503,825
			-----		-----
NET ASSETS			475,253		503,825
			-----		-----
FUNDS (see page 8)	1(g)				
<i>Unrestricted Funds:</i>					
General Fund			450,253		478,825
Designated Fund: Orphanage Reserve			25,000		25,000
			-----		-----
			475,253		503,825
<i>Restricted Funds:</i>					
Sponsorship Fund			-		-
			-----		-----
TOTAL FUNDS			475,253		503,825
			-----		-----

For the year ended 31 December 2024, the company was entitled to exemption from audit under subsection 1 of section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 (the Act).

Members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question under the provisions of section 476 of the Act.

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and preparation of accounts.

Approved by the Directors and Trustees on 10 May 2025

and signed on their behalf by and
Peter Maycock John Silverstone

CHRESTOS MISSION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of accounting

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (FRS 102) effective 1 January 2019. Where necessary the headings laid down in the Act have been adapted to meet the special activities of the charity.

b) Income

Gifts and legacies are accounted for when received by Chrestos Mission. Tax recoverable on gift aid income is accounted for when the gift aid income is received as far as it is prudent to do so. Revenue grants are credited to the income and expenditure account as received, unless related to a specific period, when they are placed in a restricted fund until used.

c) Gifts in kind

Chrestos Mission receives the benefit of work carried out by volunteers and receives the use of facilities and equipment without charge. No value is placed on these items in the accounts.

d) Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis. Expenditure is therefore treated as incurred on the date it is invoiced, or the liability crystallises.

e) Foreign currencies

Almost all of the expenditure of Chrestos Mission is incurred in Thailand. The Thai income and expenditure for the year has been translated into sterling pounds by converting at a rate of Baht 44.50 = £1 (2023: Baht 43.53 = £1), being the average rate that applied to transfers of Chrestos Mission funds from the United Kingdom to Thailand during the year. Fixed assets in Thailand are stated in the balance sheet at their historical conversion cost. Current assets in Thailand, including bank balances, are translated at the average rate shown above. This policy has the effect of eliminating all exchange differences in the accounts except for the gain or loss arising on retranslation of Thai bank balances held at the beginning of the year at the current year exchange rate.

f) Fixed assets and depreciation

Fixed assets are stated in the balance sheet at cost, less a provision for depreciation. Depreciation is provided to write off the cost of fixed assets over their estimated useful lives at the following rates:

Land – not depreciated

Land preparation and building costs – 2% per annum on a straight line basis

Equipment and installations – 25% per annum of reducing balance

Music, studio and PA equipment – 25% per annum of reducing balance

Furniture and fittings – 25% per annum of reducing balance

Motor vehicles - 25% per annum of reducing balance

CHRESTOS MISSION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS, continued for the year ended 31 December 2024

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

g) Funds

Unrestricted funds are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects of Chrestos Mission at the discretion of the trustees. The Mission's main unrestricted fund is the General Fund, which may be used for any purpose within the charitable objects of the Mission.

Designated funds are a form of unrestricted funds which have been designated for a specific usage by the trustees. The Orphanage Reserve was established in 2014 in recognition of Chrestos Mission's commitment to the children in the orphanage at Mae Sariang, by providing a reserve fund for the continuance of the orphanage in the event that the flow of income into the Mission is temporarily halted or reduced to levels insufficient to cover ongoing expenses.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised for particular purposes. The Sponsorship Fund was established to receive sponsorship monies given toward the costs of Bible School students, orphans and staff maintained by Chrestos Mission at Mae Sariang.

2 FIXED ASSETS

	Land & buildings £	Equipment & instllns £	Music, studio&PA equipment £	Furniture & fittings £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
Cost						
At 1 January 2024	468,010	29,560	34,309	45,971	40,492	618,342
Additions in the year	-	1,085	1,336	895	-	3,316
Disposals in the year	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	468,010	30,645	35,645	46,866	40,492	621,658
Depreciation						
At 1 January 2024	108,630	25,074	31,400	42,521	36,534	244,159
Charge for the year	8,358	1,392	1,062	1,086	990	12,888
Eliminated on disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2024	116,988	26,466	32,462	43,607	37,524	257,047
Net book value						
At 31 December 2024	351,022	4,179	3,183	3,259	2,968	364,611
At 31 December 2023	359,380	4,486	2,909	3,450	3,958	374,183

All of the fixed assets shown above are situated in Thailand. The land and buildings are held in the name of the Thailand-registered charity, Chrestos Mission Foundation.

CHRESTOS MISSION

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS, continued for the year ended 31 December 2024

3 DEBTORS

	2024 £	2023 £
Tax recoverable on gift aid income	8,441	8,441
	-----	-----

4 CREDITORS: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024 £	2023 £
Expenditure accruals	1,200	1,200
	-----	-----

5 ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS (Note 1(g))

	General Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total £
Tangible fixed assets	364,611	-	-	364,611
Debtors	8,441	-	-	8,441
Cash at bank and in hand – UK	66,772	25,000	-	91,772
- Thailand	11,629	-	-	11,629
Creditors	(1,200)	-	-	(1,200)
	-----	-----	-----	-----
Net assets at 31 December 2024	450,253	25,000	-	475,253
	-----	-----	-----	-----

6 PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEES AND CONNECTED PERSONS

No remuneration was paid to any Trustee, nor to any person connected with a Trustee, during the year.