

**Company Registration No. 04591453 (England and Wales)**  
**Charity No. 1097070 (England and Wales)**

**Self-Realization Fellowship Church -UK**

**(a company limited by guarantee)**

**Trustees' report and financial statements**  
**For the year ended 30 September 2023**

**Self-Realization Fellowship Church –UK (a company limited by guarantee)**

**Company information**

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| <b>Trustees</b>             | Christopher Bagley<br>Ronald Eisele<br>Jill Hoerter<br>Joseph Bouchard |
| <b>Secretary</b>            | Jill Hoerter   |
| <b>Company number</b>       | 04591453   |
| <b>Charity number</b>       | 1097070  |
| <b>Registered office</b>    | 48 Chancery Lane<br>London<br>WC2A 1JF                                 |
| <b>Independent auditors</b> | Saffery LLP<br>71 Queen Victoria Street<br>London<br>EC4V 4BE          |
| <b>Solicitors</b>           | Keystone Law<br>48 Chancery Lane<br>London WC2A 1JF                    |

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## **Self-Realization Fellowship Church –UK (a company limited by guarantee)**

### **Trustees' annual report for the year ended 30 September 2023**

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The Trustees present their report and financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011, the Memorandum and Articles of Association, and 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) (second edition).

#### **Constitution and objects**

Self-Realization Fellowship Church - UK ("SRF-UK") is a registered charity and a company limited by guarantee and is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

The principal objects of SRF-UK are the advancement of religion through the promotion of the principles and doctrines of the Self-Realization Fellowship Church (a non-profit religious entity incorporated under the law of the State of California, USA ("SRFC")) contained in SRFC Aims and Ideals formulated by Paramahansa Yogananda, the founder of SRFC. SRFC is an international church headquartered in Los Angeles, USA.

#### **Objects and activities for public benefit**

The object of the charity, as defined in the governing document, is the advancement of religion. This is done through the promotion of the principles and doctrines of the Self-Realization Fellowship Church. The charity provides and maintains a church building and strives to support the spiritual and religious works of the Church.

The Trustees see these objects as being one charitable activity for public benefit and confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives and in planning future activities.

#### **Membership**

Corporate membership of SRF-UK is open to any individual interested in promoting the objects of the Church who applies to SRF-UK and is approved by the Board of Trustees.

#### **Structure, governance and management**

The Trustees of SRF-UK are its directors for the purpose of company law and throughout this report are collectively referred to as the Trustees. Each Trustee holds office for a term of three years and thereafter is eligible for re-election for a further such term or terms. All Trustees are required to be corporate members of SRF-UK. All key decisions are taken by the Board of Trustees which consists of at least three members, but this number may be increased to meet its needs and requirements. The Board of Trustees may co-opt a person as a member of the Board of Trustees. A co-opted member holds office until the next Annual General Meeting when he/she may be elected by the members.

The present Trustees are all residents of the USA and are all directors-Trustees of SRFC. The Trustees are responsible for other SRFC entities around the world and bring that extensive experience to their role as Trustees of SRF-UK. They rely on their legal and other professional advisors, who work closely with SRFC's in house legal counsel, to ensure that the charity meets all its regulatory requirements. The Trustees believe that the arrangements in place are sufficient to enable them to fulfil their duties.

The Trustees are considered to be the key management personnel of the charity. No remuneration is paid to Trustees.

### **Achievements and Performance**

As of April 2024, London Centre has resumed its full in-person service schedule, including meditations and inspirational services in the evenings and on Sundays, and all regular commemoration services. Attendance of those services is back to pre-COVID levels. Long meditations and retreats have also resumed on a monthly or quarterly basis. Special events and services were held at offsite meeting venues to accommodate larger turnout.

### **Volunteers**

SRF-UK is reliant on the involvement of its volunteers, and benefits greatly from the support provided. In accordance with FRS 102 and the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the economic contribution of general volunteers is not recognised in the financial statements.

### **Investment powers**

The Trustees have powers under the Memorandum of Association to deposit or invest funds in any manner but to invest only after obtaining advice from a financial expert and having regard to the suitability of investments and the need for diversification.

### **Financial review of the year**

The total incoming resources for the year were £291,898 (2022: £173,049). The net movement in funds for the year amounted to a deficit of £22,066 (2022: deficit of £70,617). This is considered to be satisfactory in view of the level of reserves and cash during the year.

### **Reserves policy**

The Trustees have power under the Memorandum of Association to set aside funds for special purposes or as reserves against future expenditure.

The level of reserves in unrestricted funds at 30 September 2023 was £868,028 (2022: £877,880) of which £334,875 (2022: £356,505) is represented by cash. Restricted funds at 30 September 2023 were £3,105,890 (2022: £3,118,103). The Trustees do not target a particular level of reserves but the reserves are reviewed regularly to ensure that they are sufficient but not excessive to meet SRF-UK's current needs. The charity aims to hold sufficient reserves to enable it to maintain the church building and meet other needs of the Church.

### **Fundraising policy**

The Trustees take their responsibility under the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016 seriously and have considered the implications on their fundraising activities.

The Charity receives donations from members of the public and individuals involved with the Church. It does not work with any third party commercial fundraiser. Any donations given to the charity will only be accepted and used if they are within its aims. The Trustees are not aware of any fundraising complaints made in respect of the financial year.

### **Future plans**

The charity will use its resources to maintain the church building and support the activities of the Church both in the UK and elsewhere in the world.

The Charity's income has increased and is in a strong financial position with a cash balance of £618,064 at 30 September 2023. The Charity's business plan caters for two years of business disruption assuming no income and committed costs of approximately £140,000 per annum. As a result, the charity is confident that it is in a strong position to see out the current situation. The Trustees continue to monitor the cash balance and committed costs as forecasted in the business plan.

**Risk management**

The Trustees have reviewed the major risks faced by SRF-UK and are satisfied that steps have been taken to mitigate those risks. The risk management policy and procedures will be reviewed and amended as necessary as the operations of SRF-UK develop.

**Trustees**

The following Trustees held office during the year, or since the year end:

Christopher Bagley

Ronald Eisele

Jill Hoerter

Joseph Bouchard

The Trustees comprise the members of SRF-UK.

**Trustees responsibilities in relation to the financial statements**

The Trustees (who are also directors of SRF-UK 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 (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law 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 charitable company and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charitable company for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charitable company 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 charitable company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

In so far as the Trustees are aware:

- there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable company's auditor is unaware; and
- the Trustees have taken all steps that they ought to have taken to make themselves aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the auditors are aware of that information.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

**Auditors**

In accordance with the Companies Act, a resolution will be proposed at the Annual General Meeting to re-appoint Saffery LLP as auditors and to authorise the Trustees to fix their remuneration.



**Jill Hoerter**

Secretary, Trustee and Director

10 June 2024

## **Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Self-Realization Fellowship Church – UK for the year ended 30 September 2023 which comprise the statement of financial activities, balance sheet, cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the charitable company's state of affairs as at 30 September 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 2006.

## **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charitable company in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

## **Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

## **Other information**

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit

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or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

**Opinions on other matters prescribed by the Companies Act 2006**

In our opinion, based on the work undertaken in the course of the audit:

- the information given in the Trustees' Annual Report which includes the Directors' Report for the financial year for which the financial statements are prepared is consistent with the financial statements; and
- the Trustees' Annual Report which includes the Directors' Report has been prepared in accordance with applicable legal requirements.

**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of the knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' Annual Report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit
- the trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and to take advantage of the small companies exemption in preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the Strategic Report.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement set out on page 4, the trustees (who are also directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative to do so.

**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditors under the Companies Act 2006 and report in accordance with regulations made under that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The specific procedures for this engagement and the extent to which these are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud are detailed below.

Identifying and assessing risks related to irregularities:

We assessed the susceptibility of the charitable company's financial statements to material misstatement and how fraud might occur, including through discussions with the trustees, discussions within our audit team planning meeting, updating our record of internal controls and ensuring these controls operated as intended. We evaluated possible incentives and opportunities for fraudulent manipulation of the financial statements. We identified laws and regulations that are of significance in the context of the charitable company by discussions with trustees and updating our understanding of the sector in which the charitable company operates.

Laws and regulations of direct significance in the context of the charitable company include The Companies Act 2006, and guidance issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales .

Audit response to risks identified:

We considered the extent of compliance with these laws and regulations as part of our audit procedures on the related financial statement items including a review of financial statement disclosures. We reviewed the charitable company's records of breaches of laws and regulations, minutes of meetings and correspondence with relevant authorities to identify potential material misstatements arising. We discussed the charitable company's policies and procedures for compliance with laws and regulations with members of management responsible for compliance.


During the planning meeting with the audit team, the engagement partner drew attention to the key areas which might involve non-compliance with laws and regulations or fraud. We enquired of management whether they were aware of any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations or knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud. We addressed the risk of fraud through management override of controls by testing the appropriateness of journal entries and identifying any significant transactions that were unusual or outside the normal course of business. We assessed whether judgements made in making accounting estimates gave rise to a possible indication of management bias. At the completion stage of the audit, the engagement partner's review included ensuring that the team had approached their work with appropriate professional scepticism and thus the capacity to identify non-compliance with laws and regulations and fraud.

There are inherent limitations in the audit procedures described above and the further removed non-compliance with laws and regulations is from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, the less likely we would become aware of it. Also, the risk of not detecting a material misstatement due to fraud is higher than the risk of not detecting one resulting from error, as fraud may involve deliberate concealment by, for example, forgery or intentional misrepresentations, or through collusion.

A further description of our responsibilities is available on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our auditor's report.

### **Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and the charitable company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Cara Turtington (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
For and on behalf of Saffery LLP

Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditors  
71 Queen Victoria Street  
London  
EC4V 4BE

Date: 11 June 2024

Saffery LLP is eligible to act as an auditor in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006

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**Statement of financial activities (Incorporating an Income and expenditure account) for the year ended 30 September 2023**

|   | Notes     | Unrestricted funds<br>£ | Restricted funds<br>£ | 2023<br>Total<br>£ | 2022<br>Total<br>£ |
|---|-----------|-------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Income from:</b>                                     |           |                         |                       |                    |                    |
| Donations and legacies<br>(including Gift Aid relief)   |           | 215,909                 | 50,399                | 266,308            | 168,054            |
| Charitable activities                                   |           | 20,581                  |                       | 20,581             | 4,995              |
| Interest income   |           | 5,009                   |                       | 5,009              | -                  |
| <b>Total income</b>                                     |           | <b>241,499</b>          | <b>50,399</b>         | <b>291,898</b>     | <b>173,049</b>     |
| <b>Total expenditure on:</b>                            |           |                         |                       |                    |                    |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>                            |           |                         |                       |                    |                    |
| Advancement of religion                                 |           | 251,352                 | 62,612                | 313,964            | 243,666            |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>                                | <b>3</b>  | <b>251,352</b>          | <b>62,612</b>         | <b>313,964</b>     | <b>243,666</b>     |
| Net (expenditure)/income                                |           | (9,853)                 | (12,213)              | (22,066)           | (70,617)           |
| Transfers between funds                                 | <b>10</b> | -                       | -                     | -                  | -                  |
| Net movement in funds                                   |           | (9,853)                 | (12,213)              | (22,066)           | (70,617)           |
| <b>Total funds brought forward at 1 October 2022</b>    |           | <b>877,880</b>          | <b>3,118,103</b>      | <b>3,995,983</b>   | <b>4,066,600</b>   |
| <b>Total funds carried forward at 30 September 2023</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>868,028</b>          | <b>3,105,890</b>      | <b>3,973,918</b>   | <b>3,995,983</b>   |

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

There were no other recognised gains or losses in the year.

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

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Balance sheet as at 30 September 2023

|   |       | 30 September<br>2023 |           | 30 September<br>2022 |           |
|---|-------|----------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
|   | Notes | £                    | £         | £                    | £         |
| <b>Fixed assets</b>                                   |       |                      |           |                      |           |
| Tangible fixed assets                                 | 6     |                      | 3,388,445 |                      | 3,388,643 |
| <b>Current assets</b>                                 |       |                      |           |                      |           |
| Stock   |       | 17,267               |           | 13,638               |           |
| Debtors   | 7     | 28,033               |           | 89,821               |           |
| Cash at bank  |       | 619,264              |           | 585,875              |           |
|   |       |                      | 664,564   |                      | 689,334   |
| <b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b> | 8     |                      | (79,091)  |                      | (81,994)  |
| <b>Net current assets</b>                             |       |                      | 585,473   |                      | 607,340   |
| <b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>          |       |                      | 3,973,918 |                      | 3,995,983 |
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b>                             | 10    |                      | 868,028   |                      | 877,880   |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>                               | 10    |                      | 3,105,890 |                      | 3,118,103 |
| <b>Total Funds</b>                                    |       |                      | 3,973,918 |                      | 3,995,983 |

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with special provisions relating to small companies within Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006.

The notes on pages 12 to 20 form part of these financial statements.

The financial statements were approved by the Board on 10 June 2024

  
**Jill Hoerter**  
 Secretary, Trustee and Director

Company Registration No: 4591453

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**Statement of cash flows for the year ended 30 September 2023**

|  | Notes    | 2023<br>£       | 2022<br>£       |
|--|----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b> | <b>A</b> | 108,007         | 2,967           |
| <b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>  |          |                 |                 |
| Purchase of tangible fixed assets            |          | (74,618)        | (19,050)        |
| <b>Net cash used in investing activities</b> |          | <b>(74,618)</b> | <b>(19,050)</b> |
| <b>Change in cash in the year</b>            |          | <b>33,389</b>   | <b>(16,083)</b> |
| Cash at the beginning of the year            |          | 585,875         | 601,958         |
| <b>Cash at the end of the year</b>           |          | <b>619,264</b>  | <b>585,875</b>  |

**Note A**

**Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities**

|  | 2023<br>£      | 2022<br>£    |
|--|----------------|--------------|
| Net income for the year as per Statement of Financial Activities | (22,066)       | (70,617)     |
| Depreciation   | 74,816         | 74,993       |
| (Increase)/decrease in stock                                     | (3,628)        | 359          |
| (Increase)/decrease in debtors                                   | 61,788         | (11,704)     |
| Increase/(decrease) in creditors                                 | (2,903)        | 9,936        |
| <b>Net cash inflow/(outflow) from operating activities</b>       | <b>108,007</b> | <b>2,967</b> |

| <b>Analysis of changes in net debt</b> | <b>1 October<br/>2022</b> | <b>Movement in<br/>the year</b> | <b>At 30<br/>September<br/>2023</b> |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
|  | £                         | £                               | £                                   |
| Cash at bank                           | 585,875                   | 33,389                          | 619,264                             |

All cash flows are derived from continuing operations during the above two periods.

**1 Accounting policies**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Second Edition of the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102). The particular accounting policies are described below.

**1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charitable company. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest pound.

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

The Charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102.

These financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023 are prepared in accordance with FRS 102, The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland.

**1.2 Going concern**

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus, the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

**1.3 Income**

Income from donations and legacies is recognised when these are received or when collected by others on behalf of the charity during the period. Gift Aid relief is accrued, where applicable, at the time when the donation is received.

**1.4 Interest receivable**

Interest is recognised when receivable by the company.

**1.5 Expenditure**

Resources expended are recognised on an accruals basis, inclusive of any VAT which cannot be recovered. Governance and support costs have been allocated to the charitable activity and analysed in note 3. Governance costs relate to compliance with statutory requirements.

**1.6 Fund accounting**

The charity held the following funds during the year:

**1.6.1 Unrestricted general funds**

These are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the Trustees.

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**1.6.2 Restricted funds**

These are funds that can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

**1.7 Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided on the fixed assets (other than freehold land) at rates calculated to write off the cost over its expected useful life on a straight-line basis as follows:

|                                  |          |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Buildings                        | 50 years |
| Fixtures, fittings and equipment | 5 years  |

**1.8 Stock**

Stock is valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

**1.9 Financial instruments**

The charity has financial assets and liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are recognised initially in the accounts at transaction price, including any transaction costs. At the end of each accounting period, basic financial instruments are recognised at amortised cost. For debt instruments, this is calculated using the effective interest rate method.

**1.10 Key judgements and assumptions**

The key judgements and assumptions made by the Trustees in the preparation of the financial statements include the rates of depreciation used on the charity's fixed assets and the expected recovery of Gift Aid from HMRC on eligible donations made to the charity.

**2. Net income/(expenditure)**

|                                | Year ended<br>30 September 2023<br>£ | Year ended<br>30 September 2022<br>£ |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| This is stated after charging: |                                      |                                      |
| Auditors' remuneration:        |                                      |                                      |
| Audit                          | 18,000                               | 15,000                               |
| Other services                 | 28,062                               | 28,209                               |
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**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023**

**3. Expenditure**

**3.1 2023 Expenditure**

|                                  | <b>Direct<br/>costs<br/>£</b>                | <b>Support<br/>costs<br/>£</b>             | <b>2023<br/>£</b>                     |
|----------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Charitable expenditure:</b>   |  |  |                                       |
| Advancement of Religion          | 213,506                                      | 6,471                                      | 219,977                               |
| Governance                       | -  | 93,987                                     | 93,987                                |
|                                  | <u>213,506</u>                               | <u>100,458</u>                             | <u>313,964</u>                        |
|                                  | <b>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>2023<br/>£</b> | <b>Restricted<br/>funds<br/>2023<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>funds<br/>2023<br/>£</b> |
| Donations paid to SRF (USA)      | 25,632                                       | -  | 25,632                                |
| Repair and refurbishment costs   | 20,001                                       | -  | 20,001                                |
| Depreciation                     | 12,204                                       | 62,612                                     | 74,816                                |
| Insurance and other church costs | 33,932                                       | -  | 33,932                                |
| Retreats and monastic visits     | 59,126                                       | -  | 59,126                                |
| Support costs                    | 100,458                                      | -  | 100,458                               |
|                                  | <u>251,352</u>                               | <u>62,612</u>                              | <u>313,964</u>                        |

The donations paid to SRF (USA) represent the following:

|                 | <b>2023<br/>£</b> | <b>2022<br/>£</b> |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Other donations | 25,632            | 37,500            |
|                 | <u>25,632</u>     | <u>37,500</u>     |

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**Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 September 2023**

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**3. Expenditure**

**3.2 2022 Expenditure**

|                                  | <b>Direct<br/>costs<br/>£</b>                | <b>Support<br/>costs<br/>£</b>             | <b>2022<br/>£</b>                     |
|----------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Charitable expenditure:</b>   |  |  |                                       |
| Advancement of Religion          | 148,918                                      | 1,449                                      | 150,367                               |
| Governance                       | -  | 93,299                                     | 93,299                                |
|                                  | <u>148,918</u>                               | <u>94,748</u>                              | <u>243,666</u>                        |
|                                  | <b>Unrestricted<br/>funds<br/>2022<br/>£</b> | <b>Restricted<br/>funds<br/>2022<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>funds<br/>2022<br/>£</b> |
| Donations paid to SRF (USA)      | 37,500                                       | -  | 37,500                                |
| Repair and refurbishment costs   | 11,432                                       | -  | 11,432                                |
| Depreciation                     | 12,381                                       | 62,612                                     | 74,993                                |
| Insurance and other church costs | 19,553                                       | -  | 19,553                                |
| Retreats and monastic visits     | 5,440  | -  | 5,440                                 |
| Support costs                    | 94,748                                       | -  | 94,748                                |
|                                  | <u>181,054</u>                               | <u>62,612</u>                              | <u>243,666</u>                        |

Support costs comprise legal, accountancy and administrative costs.

**4. Related party transactions**

The Trustees, who are key management personnel, were not paid any remuneration nor reimbursed for any expenses during the current or the previous year.

Donations of £40,897 (2022: £37,500) were made in the year to Self-Realization Fellowship Church (a non-profit religious entity incorporated under the law of the State of California, USA ("SRFC")). SRFC has Trustees in common with Self-Realization Fellowship Church – UK (SRF-UK). SRFC also provides administrative support to SRF-UK.

Administrative costs of £47,925 were charged by SRFC to SRF-UK in the year (2022: £50,090). As at 30 September 2023 of this balance of £47,925 was owing to SRFC (2022: £50,090).

**5. Staff costs and emoluments**

The company employed no staff during the current year or the previous year. Management of the charity is administered from Self-Realization Fellowship Church in the United States as well as by volunteers at the London Centre.

**6. Fixed assets**

|                             | <b>Assets under<br/>construction</b> | <b>Freehold land<br/>and buildings<br/>£</b> | <b>Fixtures<br/>fittings and<br/>equipment<br/>£</b> | <b>Total<br/>£</b> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--------------------|
| <b>Cost</b>                 |                                      |  |  |                    |
| At 1 October 2022           | 27,570                               | 4,500,093                                    | 116,494  | 4,644,157          |
| Additions                   | 74,618                               | -  | -  | 74,618             |
| <b>At 30 September 2023</b> | <b>102,188</b>                       | <b>4,500,093</b>                             | <b>116,494</b>                                       | <b>4,718,775</b>   |
| <b>Depreciation</b>         |                                      |  |  |                    |
| At 1 October 2022           | -                                    | 1,139,137                                    | 116,377  | 1,255,514          |
| Charge for the year         | -                                    | 74,725                                       | 91   | 74,816             |
| <b>At 30 September 2023</b> | <b>-</b>                             | <b>1,213,862</b>                             | <b>116,468</b>                                       | <b>1,330,330</b>   |
| <b>Net book value</b>       |                                      |  |  |                    |
| <b>At 30 September 2023</b> | <b>102,188</b>                       | <b>3,286,231</b>                             | <b>26</b>  | <b>3,388,445</b>   |
| <b>At 30 September 2022</b> | <b>27,570</b>                        | <b>3,360,956</b>                             | <b>117</b>   | <b>3,388,643</b>   |

**7. Debtors**

|                               | <b>2023</b>   | <b>2022</b>   |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                               | <b>£</b>      | <b>£</b>      |
| Gift Aid tax reclaim          | 18,129        | 81,172        |
| Prepayments and other debtors | 9,904         | 8,649         |
|                               | <u>28,033</u> | <u>89,821</u> |

**8. Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

|                              | <b>2023</b>   | <b>2022</b>   |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
|                              | <b>£</b>      | <b>£</b>      |
| Other creditors and accruals | 79,091        | 31,904        |
| Amounts owing to SRFC        | <u>-</u>      | <u>50,090</u> |
|                              | <u>79,091</u> | <u>81,994</u> |

**9. Charity status**

The charity is a charitable company limited by guarantee and consequently does not have share capital. Each of the members is liable to contribute an amount not exceeding £1 towards the assets of the charitable company in the event of liquidation.

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10. Funds  
Current year

|                           | Balance at<br>1 October<br>2022<br>£ | Other<br>Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Outgoing<br>resources<br>£ | Transfers<br>£ | Balance at 30<br>September<br>2023<br>£ |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|---|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                                      |                                     |                            |                |   |
| General fund              | 621,248                              | 211,353                             | (251,352)                  | -              | 581,250                                 |
| Designated                | -                                    | -                                   | -                          | -              | -                                       |
| Refurbishment fund        | 256,632                              | 30,146                              | -                          | -              | 286,778                                 |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>877,880</b>                       | <b>241,499</b>                      | <b>(251,352)</b>           | <b>-</b>       | <b>868,028</b>                          |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>   |                                      |                                     |                            |                |   |
| London Centre             | 3,044,865                            | 3,399                               | (62,376)                   | -              | 2,985,888                               |
| Refurbishment fund        |                                      |                                     |                            |                |   |
| Glass roof project        | 65,000                               | 47,000                              | -                          | -              | 112,000                                 |
| Muriel Clark              | 8,238                                | -                                   | (236)                      | -              | 8,002                                   |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>3,118,103</b>                     | <b>50,399</b>                       | <b>(62,612)</b>            | <b>-</b>       | <b>3,105,890</b>                        |
| <b>Total funds</b>        | <b>3,995,983</b>                     | <b>291,898</b>                      | <b>(313,964)</b>           | <b>-</b>       | <b>3,973,918</b>                        |

*Prior year*

|                           | Balance at<br>1 October<br>2021<br>£ | Other<br>Incoming<br>resources<br>£ | Outgoing<br>resources<br>£ | Transfers<br>£ | Balance at 30<br>September<br>2022<br>£ |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|---|
| <b>Unrestricted funds</b> |                                      |                                     |                            |                |   |
| General fund              | 712,524                              | 89,778                              | (181,054)                  | -              | 621,248                                 |
| Designated                | -                                    | -                                   | -                          | -              | -                                       |
| Refurbishment fund        | 238,901                              | 17,731                              | -                          | -              | 256,632                                 |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>951,425</b>                       | <b>107,509</b>                      | <b>(181,054)</b>           | <b>-</b>       | <b>877,880</b>                          |
| <b>Restricted funds</b>   |                                      |                                     |                            |                |   |
| London Centre             | 3,091,701                            | 15,540                              | (62,376)                   | -              | 3,044,865                               |
| Refurbishment fund        |                                      |                                     |                            |                |   |
| Glass roof project        | 15,000                               | 50,000                              | -                          | -              | 65,000                                  |
| Muriel Clark              | 8,474                                | -                                   | (236)                      | -              | 8,238                                   |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>3,115,175</b>                     | <b>65,540</b>                       | <b>(62,612)</b>            | <b>-</b>       | <b>3,118,103</b>                        |
| <b>Total funds</b>        | <b>4,066,600</b>                     | <b>173,049</b>                      | <b>(243,666)</b>           | <b>-</b>       | <b>3,995,983</b>                        |

**10. Funds (continued)**

The designated Refurbishment Fund represents monastic visit offerings to be used towards the future refurbishment of the London Church Building.

The restricted Refurbishment Fund represents donations which can only be used in connection with the purchase and refurbishment of the London Church Building.

The restricted Glass Roof Project Fund represents donations which can only be spent on the roof project at the London Centre.

The Muriel Clark Legacy represents receipt of funds for the benefit of the London Centre.

Transfers between funds represent expenditure in relation to these projects in previous years.

**11. Analysis of net assets between funds**

|   | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>£ |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Fund balances at 30 September 2023</b> |                            |                          |                     |
| represented by:-                          |                            |                          |                     |
| Tangible fixed assets                     | 566,944                    | 2,821,501                | 3,388,445           |
| Stock                                     | 17,267                     | -                        | 17,267              |
| Debtors                                   | 28,033                     | -                        | 28,033              |
| Cash at bank                              | 334,875                    | 284,389                  | 619,264             |
| Creditors                                 | (79,091)                   | -                        | (79,091)            |
|   | <u>868,028</u>             | <u>3,105,890</u>         | <u>3,973,918</u>    |
|   |                            |                          |                     |
|   | Unrestricted<br>funds<br>£ | Restricted<br>funds<br>£ | Total<br>funds<br>£ |
| <b>Fund balances at 30 September 2022</b> |                            |                          |                     |
| represented by:-                          |                            |                          |                     |
| Tangible fixed assets                     | 499,910                    | 2,888,733                | 3,388,643           |
| Stock                                     | 13,638                     | -                        | 13,638              |
| Debtors                                   | 89,821                     | -                        | 89,821              |
| Cash at bank                              | 356,505                    | 229,370                  | 585,875             |
| Creditors                                 | (81,994)                   | -                        | (81,994)            |
|   | <u>877,880</u>             | <u>3,118,103</u>         | <u>3,995,983</u>    |

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**12. Comparative information**

2022 Statement of financial activities (Incorporating an Income and expenditure account)

|   | Unrestricted<br>funds | Restricted<br>funds | Year<br>ended<br>30 September<br>2022<br>Total<br>£ |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|---|
| <b>Income from:</b>   | <b>£</b>              | <b>£</b>            | <b>£</b>  |
| Donations and legacies<br>(including Gift Aid relief)       | 102,514               | 65,540              | 168,054   |
| Charitable activities                                       | 4,995                 | -                   | 4,995   |
| <b>Total income</b>   | <b>107,509</b>        | <b>65,540</b>       | <b>173,049</b>                                      |
| <b>Expenditure on:</b>                                      |                       |                     |   |
| <b>Charitable activities</b>                                |                       |                     |   |
| Advancement of religion                                     | 181,054               | 62,612              | 243,666   |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>                                    | <b>181,054</b>        | <b>62,612</b>       | <b>243,666</b>                                      |
| Net (expenditure)/income                                    | (73,545)              | 2,928               | (70,617)  |
| Transfers between funds                                     | -                     | -                   | -   |
| Net movement in funds                                       | (73,545)              | 2,928               | (70,617)  |
| <b>Total funds brought forward<br/>at 30 September 2021</b> | <b>951,425</b>        | <b>3,115,175</b>    | <b>4,066,600</b>                                    |
| <b>Total funds carried forward<br/>at 30 September 2022</b> | <b>877,880</b>        | <b>3,118,103</b>    | <b>3,995,983</b>                                    |