
ACTS LIFE CLUSTER

UNAUDITED

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CHARITY, ITS TRUSTEES AND ADVISERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

Trustees	Mr Marcel Jung, Trustee Mr Neil Pattison, Trustee Mr Darren Eagles, Trustee
Charity registered number	1098683
Principal office	28 Harrow Way Maidstone Kent ME14 5TU
Accountants	IT & Accounting Solutions Limited Certified Public Accountants 28 Harrow Way Maidstone Kent ME14 5TU
Bankers	HSBC 1/5 Week Street Maidstone Kent ME14 1QW

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TRUSTEES' REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

The Trustees present their annual report together with the financial statements of the charity for the year 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

Objectives and activities

● Policies and objectives

The principal object of the charity is (1) the advancement of the Christian faith (2) the relief of persons who are in condition of need, hardship or distress or who are aged or sick (3) the advancement of education on the basis of Christian principles (4) to support and assist registered churches and ministers of the Church of the Nations family of churches in performing their duties. Principally in the vicinity of the United Kingdom, but extending to Europe and internationally where deemed appropriate by the trustees ("the area of benefit").

In setting objectives and planning for activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit, including the guidance 'Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)'.

● Strategies for achieving objectives

The main objective of the charity is to support other churches predominately in the United Kingdom, although training and support has also been extended to Europe, United States, Canada, Australia, South Africa and Sri Lanka.

● Activities undertaken to achieve objectives

Provide relevant training and equipping to ensure the churches grow from strength to strength. This is offered as one-to-one mentoring and quarterly leadership team equipping.

● Main activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit

We have apostolic oversight of various churches. As a cluster we gather together for relationship and fun, equipping and training, government and oversight as well as vision and direction.

As a cluster we have churches relating in from England, Wales, South Africa, Nigeria, the USA, Sri Lanka, Jamaica and Antigua. We also work and walk closely with churches in Australia, Malaysia, Canada, Germany and the Ukraine.

Achievements and performance

● Main achievements of the charity

Provide relevant training and equipping to ensure the churches grow from strength to strength. This is offered as one-to-one mentoring and quarterly leadership team equipping.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

Achievements and performance (continued)

- **Review of activities**

We carried out regular contact with the Acts Life Cluster church leaders throughout the year. This took the form of phone calls, Zoom calls and face to face meetings where possible.

Our Cluster churches joined in a Worldwide Day of Prayer on Sunday 10 September 2023.

From 2-23 September 2023, we visited the UK churches as part of a road trip. On 4-6 April 2024, we hosted the international Church of the Nations Leadership Conference in Windsor, where we met with the leaders of all five church clusters to continue the ongoing plans for the organisation.

We continued our support of Ben and Kaat Doggett as they lead Pathways Church in Lenham. The church has grown in numbers and they are working with their new leadership team. Neil and Hazel Pattison have continued to temporarily serve as elders until they install a new eldership in 2025 or 2026.

Light for the World Christian Church in Reni, Ukraine, formally joined the Acts Life Cluster.

We held two international Zoom calls during the year to connect our church leaders in the UK, Sri Lanka, Jamaica, South Africa, and the Ukraine.

Overall we had a productive year seeing growth in the churches and providing support and training to many of the Cluster leaders and members, fulfilling the aims of the charity.

Financial review

- **Going concern**

After making appropriate enquiries, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. For this reason, they continue to adopt the going concern basis in preparing the financial statements. Further details regarding the adoption of the going concern basis can be found in the accounting policies.

- **Reserves policy**

The Trustees closely monitor the level of free reserves available to ensure there is sufficient financial flexibility in place. The Trustees aim to maintain free reserves in unrestricted funds at a level which equates to approximately three months of unrestricted charitable expenditure.

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to support the current level of expenditure and to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

- **Principal funding**

Churches that support the objectives of the charity have provided donations to enable further training and equipping to be offered.

The donations to the charity are in keeping with the biblical principles that just as each church encourages their members to practise personal tithing (being 10% of their income) in a systematic and planned way, so that church should tithe of their regular unrestricted income, as a corporate body, to the Cluster.

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Structure, governance and management

● Constitution

Acts Life Cluster is a registered charity, number 1098683, and is constituted under a Trust deed dated 23 June 2003 with supplemental deed dated 30 July 2014 (change of name) and a further supplemental deed dated 10 December 2017 (change of name).

● Methods of appointment or election of Trustees

The management of the charity is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

Any natural person over the age of 18 is eligible to stand as a Trustee of the Charity on the understanding they are willing to develop, the skills, knowledge and experience needed for the effective administration of the Charity and are not disqualified from acting as a Trustee by the provisions of the Companies Act or Charities Act and complete the "The Fit and Proper Test".

The Trust deed require a minimum of three Trustees at any one time with no maximum set.

● Organisational structure and decision-making policies

The day to day affairs of the charity are managed by Mr Neil Pattison in conjunction with David Cape. Input for the taking of strategic decisions is garnered from this team and agreed by the Trustees before being implemented.

● Related party relationships

The charity works closely with Jubilee Church Maidstone (charity no 1168027) and receives the majority of its income and volunteers from Jubilee Church Maidstone. Mr Darren Eagles is a Trustee in common but appropriate conflict of interest policies have been implemented and details of transactions between related parties has been disclosed in the notes.

The ability for these charities to work together has been mutually beneficial and the Trustees are expecting further significant mutual benefit for the future.

Marcel Jung is a trustee of the charity and also a director in IT & Accounting Solutions Limited which provide professional accountancy services to the charity. The Trust deed clause T(2) *allows any trustee who is a solicitor, accountant or other person engaged in any profession may charge and be paid all the usual professional charges for business done by him or her or his or her firm when instructed by the other trustees to act in a professional capacity on behalf of the Charity: Provided that at no time shall a majority of the trustees benefit under this provision and that a trustee shall withdraw from any meeting of the trustees at which his or her own instruction or remuneration, or that of his or her firm, is under discussion.*

● Risk management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the charity, and are satisfied that systems and procedures are in place to identify, monitor, review and mitigate exposure to the major risks.

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Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees 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).

The law applicable to charities in England & 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 of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, 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 of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and 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 Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. 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.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 5 March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr Neil Pattison

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

Independent examiner's report to the Trustees of Acts Life Cluster ('the charity')

We report to the charity Trustees on our examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 30 June 2024.

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').

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

We 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.

We have completed our examination. We confirm that no matters have come to our attention in connection with the examination giving us 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.

We 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.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's Trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an independent examiner'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 charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for our work or for this report.

Signed:

Marcel Jung

Dated: 5 March 2025

ICPA (Fellow), FFA/FIPA, FAIA

IT & Accounting Solutions Limited
Certified Public Accountants

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024**

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	3	45,877	45,877	52,336
Charitable activities	4	-	-	11,065
Total income		<u>45,877</u>	<u>45,877</u>	<u>63,401</u>
Expenditure on:				
Charitable activities	6	57,262	57,262	82,023
Total expenditure		<u>57,262</u>	<u>57,262</u>	<u>82,023</u>
Net movement in funds		<u>(11,385)</u>	<u>(11,385)</u>	<u>(18,622)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:				
Total funds brought forward		42,979	42,979	61,601
Net movement in funds		(11,385)	(11,385)	(18,622)
Total funds carried forward		<u>31,594</u>	<u>31,594</u>	<u>42,979</u>

The Statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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**BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 30 JUNE 2024**

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Current assets			
Debtors	12	4,357	1,011
Cash at bank and in hand		32,983	43,863
		<u>37,340</u>	<u>44,874</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	13	(5,746)	(1,895)
Net current assets		31,594	42,979
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>31,594</u>	<u>42,979</u>
Net assets excluding pension asset		<u>31,594</u>	<u>42,979</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>31,594</u></u>	<u><u>42,979</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	15	-	-
Unrestricted funds	15	31,594	42,979
Total funds		<u><u>31,594</u></u>	<u><u>42,979</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 05 March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

Mr Neil Pattison

The notes on pages 9 to 16 form part of these financial statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

1. General information

Acts Life Cluster was setup on 23 June 2003 as an unincorporated charitable trust and registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales (charity number 1098683) on 22 July 2003. The registered address is 28 Harrow Way, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 5TU but the administrative offices are located at Willington Court, 1 Willington Street, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 8JW.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2015), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published on 16 July 2014 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

Acts Life Cluster meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

2.2 Income

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

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the charity's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.4 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.5 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.6 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

2.7 Financial instruments

The charity only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.8 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity and which have not been designated for other purposes.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations	45,877	45,877	52,336

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4. Income from charitable activities

	Total funds 2024 £	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Training conferences	-	11,065
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. Analysis of grants

	Grants to Institutions 2024 £	Grants to Individuals 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Grants - General	16,231	25,879	42,110
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

	<i>Grants to Institutions 2023 £</i>	<i>Grants to Individuals 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Grants - General	10,977	32,663	43,640
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The charity has made the following material grants to institutions during the year:

	2024 £	2023 £
Name of institution		
Church of the Nations International	3,896	3,666
Restoration Family Church	-	834
Footwasher Ministries	11,935	5,327
Saturation Trust	400	1,150
	<u>16,231</u>	<u>10,977</u>
	<u>16,231</u>	<u>10,977</u>

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6. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total 2024 £	<i>Total 2023 £</i>
Training conferences	7,804	7,804	24,558
General	49,458	49,458	57,465
	<u>57,262</u>	<u>57,262</u>	<u>82,023</u>

7. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2024 £	Grant funding of activities 2024 £	Support costs 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Training conferences	6,854	-	950	7,804
General	-	42,110	7,348	49,458
	<u>6,854</u>	<u>42,110</u>	<u>8,298</u>	<u>57,262</u>

	<i>Activities undertaken directly 2023 £</i>	<i>Grant funding of activities 2023 £</i>	<i>Support costs 2023 £</i>	<i>Total funds 2023 £</i>
Training conferences	23,708	-	850	24,558
General	-	43,640	13,825	57,465
	<u>23,708</u>	<u>43,640</u>	<u>14,675</u>	<u>82,023</u>

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8. Independent examiner's remuneration

	2024 £	2023 £
Fees payable to the charity's independent examiner for the independent examination of the charity's annual accounts	<u>950</u>	<u>850</u>

The independent review was provided pro-bono and valued at £950 (2023: £850).

9. Staff costs

	2024 £	2023 £
Wages and salaries	<u>5,471</u>	<u>5,129</u>
	<u>5,471</u>	<u>5,129</u>

The average number of persons employed by the charity during the year was as follows:

	2024 No.	2023 No.
Part-time administrator	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>

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

None of the Trustees or key management personnel were paid during the year.

Staff costs are for a part time administrator that is employed by Jubilee Church Maidstone and a pro-rata contribution paid to the related party's employment costs.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2024

10. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

		2024 £	2023 £
Mr Marcel Jung	Gift	800	400

During the year ended 30 June 2024, expenses were reimbursed or paid directly to 1 Trustee (2023 - to 2 Trustees) broken down as follows:

	2024 £	2023 £
Travel	-	3,419
Accommodation	-	1,363
Subsistence	300	151
	<u>300</u>	<u>4,933</u>

The Trustees received reimbursement for costs incurred with conferences and leadership times.

11. Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

12. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Due within one year		
Other debtors	4,357	1,011
	<u>4,357</u>	<u>1,011</u>

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13. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	1,432	750
Accruals and deferred income	4,314	1,145
	<u>5,746</u>	<u>1,895</u>

14. Financial instruments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Financial assets		
Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure	<u>32,983</u>	<u>43,863</u>

Financial assets measured at fair value through income and expenditure comprise cash balances.

15. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 July 2023	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General Funds - all funds	<u>42,979</u>	<u>45,877</u>	<u>(57,262)</u>	<u>31,594</u>

16. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 July 2023	Income	Expenditure	Balance at 30 June 2024
	£	£	£	£
General funds	<u>42,979</u>	<u>45,877</u>	<u>(57,262)</u>	<u>31,594</u>

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17. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current period

	Unrestricted funds 2024 £	Total funds 2024 £
Current assets	37,340	37,340
Creditors due within one year	(5,746)	(5,746)
Total	31,594	31,594

18. Related party transactions

	2024 £	2023 £
Donations from Jubilee Church Maidstone (charity no 1168027)	31,963	27,874
	31,963	27,874

All donations listed to other charities had Trustees in common.

IT & Accounting Solutions was reimbursed for expenditure incurred on behalf of the charity amounting to £836 (2023: £682) for software subscriptions. These transactions were made at open market value or on terms equivalent to those that prevail in arm's length transactions.

Donations of £4,265 (2023: £4,605) were received during the year from the Trustees and from entities connected with the Trustees.