

**Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 December 2020
For
THE REDEEMED CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF GOD
GOD, HRMH**

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**Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2020**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2020. The trustees have adopted the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' issued in 2005.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1102624

Principal address

Main Road
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Orpington
BR5 3HQ

Trustees

Osike Itsagwede	Chairman
Teresa O Okodaso	Trustee / Secretary
Judith O Phillips (formerly Ajayi)	Trustee
Mylene Williams	Trustee
Olawale Olaniyi	Trustee (Resigned 22 October 2019)

Accountant

Deus Trinitas Consulting Ltd
Chatham
Kent

Bankers

LloydsTSB plc
The Broadway
Bexleyheath

HSBC Bank plc
High Street
Dartford

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Charity, Redeemed Christian Church of God, His Royal Majesty House ("RCCG HRMH") is controlled by its governing documents, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated Charity. Decisions are determined by a simple majority vote by the trustees, the trustees set the strategic direction of the charity and authority has been delegated to the Pastoral Board and Administrative team for the day to day running of the operations of the Charity. New Trustees are selected on the basis of the contribution that they will make to the governance of the organisation and the skills that they will contribute. They are provided with copies of the Charity Commission's guidance to trustees and are given an introduction to the activities of the Charity by the existing board. Existing trustees are provided with training as and when required.

RCCG HRMH is a parish of the Redeemed Christian Church of God - a network comprised of churches all over the world. There is an agreement of common purpose entered into by RCCG HRMH with the Redeemed Christian Church of God which documents this relationship. A summary of transactions with those parties are set out in note 14 to the financial statements.

The trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those relating to the specific operational areas of the charity and its finances. The trustees believe that by monitoring reserve levels, ensuring controls exist over key financial systems and by examining the operational and business risks faced by the charity, they have established effective systems to mitigate those risks.

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OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

- a) The advancement of the Christian faith worldwide, in accordance with the doctrine set out in the statement of faith;
- b) To use the excess funds of the charity towards the relief of poverty amongst children, homeless, communities and nations.

Significant activities

The principal activities of the church are:

Christian worship, outreach programmes to increase Christian awareness and to spread the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and the development of the whole man, spiritually, mentally and physically.

In determining how best to pursue these objects the trustees have had regards to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

We have one full time staff; one part time staff and numerous number of volunteers who assist in helping us achieve our objectives.

Financial Review

The trustees consider that the charity needs to hold reserves (i.e. unrestricted funds and not represented by fixed assets) equivalent to four months' operating expenditure to ensure the ongoing delivery of its charitable objects, during unforeseen downturn in income. As at 31 December 2020, the lack of adequate free reserves is attributable to the fact the definition of free reserves excludes fixed assets which is fully paid up. For the purpose of short and medium term financial management, the trustees are more concerned with the management of working capital, the current working capital cover is well below their policy of holding free resources sufficient to fund four months' of ongoing unrestricted expenditure which would have covered the eventuality of a material decline in incoming resources.

The charity's principal funding source continues to be individuals who attend services and make contributions in the form of freewill offerings, tithes and special donations.

The charity's result for the year ended 31 December, 2020, was a net expenditure of £11,129 (2019: £19,315 net income). This slight improvement on prior year result is attributable to a marginal increase in income revenue and close monitoring of resources expended which enabled the charity too maintain the same level of expenditure as prior year. The trustees involvement in checking all expenses, validating and justifying the amount, type and necessity for any expense has ensured donations are prudently managed. Total income for the year was £68,993 (2019: £131,400).

Activities and Achievements

The year started with much optimism until the world was hit with total lock down due to COVID-19 global pandemic, the impact of which is reflected in the income for the year. Many members of the church and the community were hard hit financially, emotionally and mentally as all operations and businesses were shut down in accordance to government directives, leaving many isolated and lonely. Many lost jobs as contracts were cancelled or employees furloughed on drastically reduced salaries, contributing to almost halving the charity's income for the year.

As a result of the lockdown, all forms of gathering outside of immediate families were disallowed, as such all in-person services were cancelled, the necessary investment to move all services online were implemented. This meant that a significant number of the charity's annual scheduled activities had to be cancelled or moved online. In compliance with the Charity Commission's public benefit directive, the charity continued to support other charities in areas in line with its objects including:

- welfare support for families in the church that were hit financially and emotionally as described above;
- partnered with local Food Banks to supply essential non perishable foods.

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Activities and Achievements (cont'd)

We continued to provide informal counselling services to members of the church and the community irrespective of their race, culture or religious background, albeit predominantly online during the year. The church also acts to sign post members of the community to get professional help where the church is unable to assist through counselling.

The church's attempt to pursue the development of strong families within the local community and surrounding areas, was limited to online and remote support, as such we were not able to organise our annual Women's programme, which would normally involve women members of the church with invitation extended to women of all ages from the community, addressing issues ranging from parenting, relationship (marital and others), health & wellbeing as well as career development.

We were able to continue our support and encouragement of the youth in the church and the community predominately online, a trend that has enhanced attendance as such has been retained and would continue for the foreseeable future. The forum encourages them to develop themselves personally, morally, socially and most importantly spiritually. During the year, we were unable to organise any outing due to the pandemic. The church leadership continues to be supportive of the youth and young adults forum, providing a safe environment where they can be confident and free to express their creativity in a God glorifying way.

We continue to support African Missions, an aid and poverty relief agency supporting the under-privileged and children in Africa. We actively and strongly support the World Evangelical Mission which aims to further the Christian faith by alleviating poverty among missionaries all over the world. Our partnership with the local food bank was heavily hampered due to the social distancing rules and the fact that the church also at some points struggled to pay its bills.

Despite the pandemic and isolation, we continued our work helping people develop biblical principles that build their self esteem enabling them to fulfil their purpose and live a contented and more productive life.

Future Development

The charity aims, as part of fulfilling its main objectives, to create more facilities within and outside its current premises to help develop the whole man, spiritually, mentally and physically. The charity is committed to its vision to better serve the needs of the community, to create better facilities for all our members and the community at large; however the charity has yet again deferred its planned developments due to lack of funds and instead of running a deficit year on year, it was decided we will apply for funding from organisations that specifically support refurbishment of listed buildings, we are yet to secure interest in the project especially in relation to the roof replacement. This objective was not plausible as there were more pressing welfare matters.

We will continue in our effort to be relevant in the community by investing time, energy and resources in activities and programmes that will prevent and reduce youth crime, teenage pregnancies, depression, homelessness and such social economic vices that are detrimental to the health of our community, which if successful will ultimately strengthen the family unit.

The charity plans to grow its membership and to continue to develop its members to make transformational changes in their lives, family and the community at large through teaching, coaching and spiritual empowerment.

**Report of the Trustees
For the year ended 31 December 2020**

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 1993, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed 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 the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those 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; and
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue to operate.

The trustees are responsible for maintaining proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1993, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. The trustees 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.

Auditors/Independent Examiner

As the charity's income and expenditure falls below the small charities threshold the trustees considers that the audit requirement of Section 43 (2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act) do not apply. The trustees will not be proposing the appointment of an auditor for the ensuing year.

This report was approved by the trustees on 30 May, 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

MR E O ITSAGWEDE
Chairman Board of Trustees

Independent Examiner's Report

To the members and trustees of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, HRMH

We report on the accounts of the church/charity for the year ended 31 December 2020, set out on pages 6 to 11 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the accounting policies set out on pages 8.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2012 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent examiner's report

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

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with our examination, no matter has come to our attention:

1. which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in our opinion attention should have been drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Signature

Deus Trinitas Consulting Ltd

Date: 31 May, 2021

Statement of Financial Activities
For the year ended 31 December 2020

		Total Funds			
	Note	Unrestricted fund	Restricted fund	2020	2019
Incoming Resources					
Voluntary income	2	56,310	1,708	58,018	109,819
Investment income	3	4	-	4	1
Other incoming resources	4	10,970	-	10,970	21,580
Total incoming resources		67,284	1,708	68,993	131,400
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds	5	55,975	-	55,975	71,739
Charitable activities	6	8,810	-	8,810	24,075
Governance costs	7	-	-	-	418
Other resources used	8	15,336	-	15,336	15,854
Total resources used		80,121	-	80,121	112,086
Net Incoming Resources		(12,837)	1,708	(11,129)	18,092
Transfer between Funds		-	-	-	1,222
Net Movements in funds		(12,837)	1,708	(11,129)	19,314
Balance Brought forward		303,786	-	303,786	284,472
Balance Carried Forward		290,949	1,708	292,657	303,786

All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

Balance Sheet
at 31 December 2020

Fixed Assets	Note	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Tangible assets	10	<u>252,000</u>	<u>255,000</u>
		252,000	255,000
Current Assets			
Debtors	9	21,997	46,682
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>19,810</u>	<u>2,104</u>
		41,807	48,786
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year		<u>1,150</u>	<u>-</u>
Net current assets		<u>40,657</u>	<u>48,786</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		292,657	303,786
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets		<u>292,657</u>	<u>303,786</u>
Represented by:			
Unrestricted funds	12		
General		290,949	302,564
Designated		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		290,949	302,564
Restricted funds	13	<u>1,708</u>	<u>1,222</u>
		<u>292,657</u>	<u>303,786</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees on May 30, 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

MR E O ITSAGWEDE
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

**Notes to the financial statements
For the year ended 31 December 2020**

1. Accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, with the exception of investments which are included at market value and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective June 2002). The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP), "Accounting and Reporting by Charities" published in October 2008 and applicable accounting standards.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included on the Statement of Financial Activities when the charity is legally entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

When donors specify that donations and grants, including capital grants are for particular restricted purposes, which do not amount to pre-conditions regarding entitlement, this income will be included in incoming resources of restricted funds when receivable.

Resources expended

Expenditure is accounted for on an accrual basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Cost of generating funds

Costs of generating funds are those costs relating to the generation of income

Charitable activities

Costs of charitable activities are those costs relating to the activities carried out to meet the objectives of the church. These include both directly attributable costs and apportioned support costs.

Governance costs

Governance costs are the costs associated with the strategic direction of the organisation and with meeting regulatory responsibilities.

Tangible fixed assets

Individual fixed assets are capitalised at cost.

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off the cost less estimated residual value of each asset over its estimated useful life.

	Annual rate
Freehold / Long leasehold property	1%
Fixtures and fittings	10%
Church & Musical equipment	10%
Motor vehicle and other fixed assets	25%

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Funds held by the charity are either:

Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds - these are funds which has been received from donations or gifts for specific purposes and can only be used for the purpose for which it was given.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund are included in the notes to the financial statements.

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2. Voluntary income	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Offering	10,474	8,939
Tithes	44,375	98,513
Other donations	<u>3,170</u>	<u>2,367</u>
	<u>58,018</u>	<u>109,819</u>
 3. Investment income	 <u>2020</u>	 <u>2019</u>
Bank interest	<u>4</u>	<u>1</u>
 4. Other incoming resources	 <u>2020</u>	 <u>2019</u>
Gift aid income	10,970	21,490
Other Income	<u>-</u>	<u>90</u>
	<u>10,970</u>	<u>21,580</u>
 5. Cost of generating funds	 <u>2020</u>	 <u>2019</u>
Telephone, Electricity & Gas	2,090	37
Stationery, Printing & postage	47	-
Choir/Music Ministry	24,000	26,000
Honorarium	-	250
Church/Pastoral Expenses	196	2,343
Ministers' allowance	29,019	42,851
Rates & Water	<u>622</u>	<u>258</u>
	<u>55,975</u>	<u>71,739</u>
 6. Charitable activities	 <u>2020</u>	 <u>2019</u>
Central Office support	1,200	1,200
World Evangelical Mission (WEM)	7,320	17,848
Children/Teenage church	-	300
Training & Conference	-	3,207
Special Events	-	600
Donations - Other ministry	<u>290</u>	<u>920</u>
	<u>8,810</u>	<u>24,075</u>
 7. Governance costs	 <u>2020</u>	 <u>2019</u>
Professional fees	<u>-</u>	<u>418</u>

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8. Other resources used	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Insurance	5,100	4,908
Bank charges	891	398
Office/computer supplies	165	35
Travel & Transport	-	-
Car Lease	6,050	6,600
Repairs/Maintenance	130	625
Other expenses	-	-
Depreciation	3,000	3,287
	<u>15,335</u>	<u>15,853</u>

The trustees were not paid or reimbursed for expenses during the year.

9. Debtors	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Other receivables	<u>21,997</u>	<u>46,681</u>

10. Tangible fixed assets

	Buildings	Musical & Office Equipment	Motor Vehicles	Church furniture	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Cost:					
At 1 January 2020	255,000	-	-	-	255,000
Additions	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020	<u>255,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>255,000</u>
Depreciation					
At 1 January 2020	42,000	7,833	-	-	49,833
Charge for year	3,000	-	-	-	3,000
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-
At 31 December 2020	<u>45,000</u>	<u>7,833</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>52,833</u>
Net Book value					
At 31 December 2020	<u>252,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>252,000</u>
At 31 December 2019	<u>255,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>255,000</u>

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11. Unrestricted funds of the charity **2020**

Brought forward @ 1 January 2020	302,564
Movement in funds for the year	(12,837)
Amount transferred from Restricted funds	<u>1,222</u>
Balance at 31 December 2020	<u><u>290,949</u></u>

12. Restricted Funds

Brought forward @ 1 January 2020	1,222
Movement in funds for the year	486
Amount expended	<u>-</u>
Balance at 31 December 2020	<u><u>1,708</u></u>

13. Analysis of net assets between funds

	General	Restricted	Total
Tangible Fixed assets	252,000	-	252,000
Net Current assets	40,099	1,708	41,807
Current & long term liabilities	<u>(1,150)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,150)</u>
	<u><u>290,949</u></u>	<u><u>1,708</u></u>	<u><u>292,657</u></u>

14. Related parties disclosure

The minister in charge is a connected person to one of the members of the trustees. The relevant trustee was not involved in any way in the proposal, discussions or approval of any allowance payable or paid to the minister in charge. Furthermore, none of the trustees received payment for expenses or services provided in their capacity as Trustees.

In relation to the agreement of common purpose, contributions were made as follows: £1,200 (2019:£1,200) to the Central office and Festival of Life; and £7,320 (2019: £17,848) to the World Evangelical Mission (WEM).