

Report of the Trustees and
Financial Statements for the Year Ended 31 December 2020
for
RCCG Living Faith Connections

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for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

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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 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 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

The Objects of the charity are:

- The advancement of the christian religion worldwide ; and
- The relief of poverty worldwide.

Public benefit statement

In determine how best to pursue theses objectives, the trustees have taken on board the charity commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular its supplementary public guidance on the advancement of religion for the public benefit.

.It pursues these objectives by the operation of a centre for christian worship at its premises in Barking, Essex. We have several community based initiatives that focus on assisting the disadvantaged and the less privileged in our local community and the UK..

Our site is accessible to all when programmes are being run and events cater for people from all works of life.
. This includes youths, children, single, married, men and women.

Significant activities

Living faith Connections has a policy of supporting up and coming small businesses within the community.

Under the agreement for common purposes (see above), Living Faith Connections parish has agreed to make annual contribution to RCCG (UK).

In addition, the church supports missionary organisations such as Festival of Life and the World Evangelical Mission, African Mission and other missions and projects within and outside the UK. The church also provides support to members of the congregation (at the discretion of the trustees) who are in need.

Volunteers

Living Faith Connections is grateful for the efforts of its volunteers who are involved in service provision. It is estimated that over 3000 volunteer hours were provided during the period. If this is conservatively valued at £10 per hour, the volunteer efforts amount to approximately £30,000. The charity ensures that best value is derived from the sterling efforts of its volunteer team.

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Impacting our community:

As a purpose driven church, we are a beacon and a lighthouse to our community, we emphasize the importance of Relationships of service, Generosity & love to our members.

Most importantly, we strive to make our Community Flourish through:
Building of relationships with individuals and institutions in the community.

Pursuing our goals through social action and outreach to serve the under privileged, deprived, destitute and those who feel rejected.

Providing platforms for people to connect with each other through worship, music, drama etc.
Strengthening the faith of Christians through sound biblical teaching, fellowship and prayer.
Promoting and encouraging other initiatives that adds to tile growth and development of the community.

We believe that we have been sent to this part of the world to bring the gospel with its attendant message and assurance of comfort, victory and hope to people through active engagement.

Charitable Achievements:

As part of our aim for community growth and engagement, we operate an open door policy for all projects and initiatives run by the council and other organizations within the community.

Due to the covid 19 pandemic, we could not actively engage in our usual charity activities. However, we adapted to the new norm and did our best to engage and support people within the community through:

Covid Call Helpline: We had a dedicated helpline that people could call for welfare support (help with grocery shopping, financial support, counselling, and prayers)

Covid Community Donations: We did weekly food shopping for the elderly and those termed at risk of covid infections with at the door deliveries.

RCCG Covid-19 Response Fund - We partnered with the RCCG central office in raising funds for the covid-19 response fund which was set up to help members of parishes who were in dire need due to the pandemic

Online Church: Our services were moved online to support everyone with weekly services for adult and Sunday zoom meetings for the children and youth to engage, speak to and encourage one another.

Prayer Line: We held a daily prayer line where people could join in to pray for themselves, their families, the community, nation and the world at large.

Investment performance

The trustees have decided that at present, funds should be retained in banks and building societies. Any changes in such banking arrangements should be agreed by the board. As far as possible, funds will be retained in interest bearing accounts.

Internal and external factors

Factors relevant to achieving objectives

The other single most important factor is the commitment from members both financially and in voluntary hours.

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The charity's principal funding is through members' voluntary contributions and donations .

Reserves policy

The trustees are aware of the requirement to have a reserve policy in place and aim to maintain a target balance of a month's worth of fixed operational cost at any given time, to ensure on going delivery of its charitable objects during an unforeseen down turn in income.

The trustees are fully aware that the current level of the unrestricted fund is below the required level. The trustees have plans in hand to address this situation and restore the reserves to the level required. This will be achieved, amongst other initiatives by cutting cost wherever possible, whilst most of our reserves have been used up during the year because of the economic climate..

Going concern

The charity is still trading despite the challenges experienced during the year.

FUTURE PLANS

Living Faith Connections continues to explore ways of evangelising in an effective manner by raising its profile and getting more involved in the community. The charity aims to provide services and activities that are relevant to people on a foundation of christian tenets and beliefs in a bid to effect change in the moral and spiritual climate of the local borough and the country at large.

Some of its plans include:

. Working more with the council to develop more community projects.

. The charity aims at reaching out to the youth by opening a youth centre and creating space for the elderly. This will build a happier community and impact the society.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

Recruitment and appointment of new trustees

New trustees are elected on the basis of the contribution 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 given an introduction to the activities of the charity by the existing board.

Organisational structure

The church is organised so that the trustees meet regularly to manage its affairs. The minister in charge manages the day to day administration of the church.

Connected charities - Living Faith Connections is a parish of the Redeemed Christian Church of God - a network comprised of churches all over the world.

There is an agreement for common purpose entered into by Living Faith Connections with the Redeemed Christian Church of God which documents this relationship.

Induction and training of new trustees

Policies adopted for the induction and training of trustees. Existing trustees are provided with trainings as and when required.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1103581

RCCG Living Faith Connections

Report of the Trustees
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

Principal address

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Trustees

Pastor O Odugbile
Mr C T Adeoye
Mr E D Adeyemi Trustee
Pastor O Osadugba Trustee

Approved by order of the board of trustees on 8 November 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'O Odugbile', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Pastor O Odugbile - Trustee

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of RCCG Living Faith Connections

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of RCCG Living Faith Connections (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

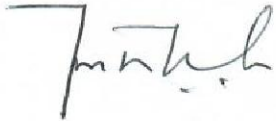
I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Emmanuel Oloke
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8 November 2022

Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

		31.12.20 Unrestricted fund	31.12.19 Total funds as restated
	Notes	£	£
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies		114,516	158,172
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Raising funds	2	-	1,028
Charitable activities			
Charitable activities		108,505	125,379
Other		8,546	29,740
Total		117,051	156,147
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(2,535)	2,025
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward		(40,027)	(42,052)
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		(42,562)	(40,027)

The notes form part of these financial statements

	Notes	31.12.20 Unrestricted fund £	31.12.19 Total funds as restated £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets	7	134,828	140,263
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash at bank and in hand		(16,239)	(17,639)
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(161,151)	(162,651)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		<u>(177,390)</u>	<u>(180,290)</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		(42,562)	(40,027)
NET ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)		<u>(42,562)</u>	<u>(40,027)</u>
FUNDS	10		
Unrestricted funds		(42,562)	(40,027)
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>(42,562)</u>	<u>(40,027)</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 8 November 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:



Pastor O Odugbile - Trustee



Mr C T Adeoye - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, 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 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

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

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, 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 accounted for on an accruals 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.

Tangible fixed assets

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

Improvements to property	- 10% on cost
Plant and machinery	- 20% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 20% on cost
Motor vehicles	- 20% on cost
Computer equipment	- 20% on cost

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds 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.

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

Hire purchase and leasing commitments

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities on a straight line basis over the period of the lease.

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

2. RAISING FUNDS

Investment management costs

	31.12.20	31.12.19 as restated
	£	£
Cleaning and wastes	-	1,028
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3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

One trustee was engaged as a pastor and paid £35,132 as stipend and allowance for the year ended 31 December 2020. (£28,282 for the year ended 31 December 2019).

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 December 2020 nor for the year ended 31 December 2019.

4. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	31.12.20	31.12.19 as restated
	2	4
Management and support staff	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund as restated £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM	
Donations and legacies	158,172
EXPENDITURE ON	
Raising funds	1,028
Charitable activities	
Charitable activities	125,379
Other	29,740
Total	<u>156,147</u>
NET INCOME	<u>2,025</u>
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS	
Total funds brought forward	(42,052)

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

5. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued

Unrestricted
fund
as restated
£

TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD

(40,027)

6. PRIOR YEAR ADJUSTMENT

This relates to expected gift aid debtors amount which did not materialised due to incorrect reclaim in the past years. This has now been written back against overstated surplus and deficit account brought forward.

7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Improvements to property £	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures and fittings £
COST			
At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	199,419	26,060	97,049
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2020	78,690	19,932	85,849
Charge for year	-	4,332	-
At 31 December 2020	78,690	24,264	85,849
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2020	120,729	1,796	11,200
At 31 December 2019	120,729	6,128	11,200
	Motor vehicles £	Computer equipment £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020	40,910	58,365	421,803
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 January 2020	40,910	56,159	281,540
Charge for year	-	1,103	5,435
At 31 December 2020	40,910	57,262	286,975
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 December 2020	-	1,103	134,828
At 31 December 2019	-	2,206	140,263

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	31.12.20	31.12.19 as restated
	£	£
Other creditors	161,151	162,651

9. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	31.12.20	31.12.19 as restated
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Other loans	7,784	10,184

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(40,027)	(2,535)	(42,562)
TOTAL FUNDS	(40,027)	(2,535)	(42,562)

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	114,516	(117,051)	(2,535)
TOTAL FUNDS	114,516	(117,051)	(2,535)

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.19 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(42,052)	2,025	(40,027)
TOTAL FUNDS	(42,052)	2,025	(40,027)

Notes to the Financial Statements - continued
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

10. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	158,172	(156,147)	2,025
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>158,172</u>	<u>(156,147)</u>	<u>2,025</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	(42,052)	(510)	(42,562)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>(42,052)</u>	<u>(510)</u>	<u>(42,562)</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	272,688	(273,198)	(510)
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>272,688</u>	<u>(273,198)</u>	<u>(510)</u>

11. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There is a potential liability of £213,970.89 arising from HMRC discovery assessments on past gift aid returns. This matter is not conclusive as there are on going discussions and agreements on the above amounts and claims. This matter has not progressed beyond the position as at 31 December 2019.

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2020.

Detailed Statement of Financial Activities
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	31.12.20 £	31.12.19 as restated £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Tithes and offerings	112,937	134,890
Thanksgiving	-	14,993
Building fund	-	8,289
Donations	1,579	-
	114,516	158,172
Total incoming resources	114,516	158,172
EXPENDITURE		
Investment management costs		
Cleaning and wastes	-	1,028
Charitable activities		
Wages	-	1,334
Hall hire	10,565	36,815
Evangelism	-	2,249
Welfare and benevolence	300	300
Ministry expenses	-	5,838
World evangelical mission	1,895	2,299
Honorariums -guest ministers	200	1,000
Hospitality	-	2,500
Community outreach activities	2,798	3,950
Pastoral care	3,627	1,853
Church running expenses	2,722	2,350
RCCG central office	1,200	1,100
Children and youth ministry	-	956
Transport and travelling	497	3,365
Equipment repairs	-	1,150
Printing and reprography	-	2,815
Music expenses	23,850	3,260
Conference and meetings	-	1,000
Media expenses	678	2,377
Stipend and allowance	35,132	28,282
Volunteers expenses	-	3,586
	83,464	108,379
Other		
Donation	-	200
Carried forward	-	200

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RCCG Living Faith Connections**Detailed Statement of Financial Activities**
for the Year Ended 31 December 2020

	31.12.20	31.12.19
	£	as restated £
Other		
Brought forward	-	200
Storage cost	3,111	4,157
Equipment hire	-	2,917
Plant and machinery	4,332	4,332
Computer equipment	1,103	1,103
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	8,546	12,709
 Support costs		
Management		
Wages	15,500	21,300
Insurance	693	835
Light and heat	-	311
Telephone	1,519	1,455
Postage and stationery	-	270
Sundries	100	210
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	17,812	24,381
 Finance		
Bank charges	1,968	3,489
Cards merchant cost	3,947	2,123
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	5,915	5,612
 Information technology		
IT Support	414	838
Computing and internet	-	2,300
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	414	3,138
 Governance costs		
Independent examiner's fees	900	900
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Total resources expended	117,051	156,147
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Net (expenditure)/income	(2,535)	2,025
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