

Trustees Report of Authentic Word Ministries (AWM) UK 2025

Introduction

AWM UK has five branches

- ZTCC London
- ZTCC Coventry
- ZTCC Manchester Eccles
- ZTCC Manchester Bury
- ZTCC Bradford

- ZTCC Birmingham

Structure, governance and management

1. Structure

AGM

Trustees Board: 5 Apostle Dr Paul Muhirwa Gitwaza, Anne Muteteri, Alexis Rutageruka, Honorine Munyana, Olivier Nzaramba and Jean Claude Sinavyigize

Executive Committee:

7 People (Chief Executive Pastor Felin Gakwaya, Secretary Sandrine Kaneza, Vice Secretary Kevin Ruhinguka, Pastor Noel Iradukunda, Pastor Aimable Kanyangunda, Pastor Dadali Kalinda and Pastor Martine Kayisire.

Parish Committees: In all branches (London, Coventry, Manchester, Birmingham and Bradford)

Local Commissions: Different Departments in all branches

Cells

A12 Families

Governance

The charity has two wings to it: Zion Temple Celebration Centre (ZTCC Church) and Authentic Development Agency (ADA)

The Church is governed by a Constitution

Trustees are elected by the AGM

2. Management

The Executive Committee is in charge of the management of the Church.

Objectives and Activities

1. The advancement of the Christian religion through evangelisation and discipleship teachings. Outreach work and social activities organised at every branch level. Yearly conferences for youths, women and all inclusive gatherings in communities to witness of Christ Jesus by preaching the Word of God and going out in communities making disciples of Jesus Christ. Our long term goal is to prepare the bride of Christ through a holistic development in accordance with the biblical scriptures and the doctrinal beliefs of Authentic Word Ministries received and adopted in the statement of subscription.
2. The relief of financial hardship through teachings, sharing of information on services available for people and families in needs around different cities and towns. We also organise visits to people in hospitals, distribute food and clothes to the Homeless. In Coventry we have a Centre which is open Monday to Saturday to support refugees from and asylum seekers to register with services around the city, we also serve breakfast to the homeless on Saturdays and run a food bank for everyone who is in need of additional assistance and help to put food on their table.
3. We focus on the advancement of education in the UK, and overseas. Here the focus is mainly on young people and school children and the teachings are based on biblical values and Christians values and moral ethic.
4. To work towards establishing and building Christian families and Churches according to the Scriptures as summarised in the doctrinal beliefs.
5. Employ and pay any person or persons to supervise, organise and carry on the work of the Church. At the moment, we have two employees who are based in at our Coventry branch who are employed to run the activities of the Authentic Centre Coventry.
6. Provide and arrange for or join in arranging and providing for the holding of exhibitions, meetings, lectures, classes, seminars and training courses.
7. Raise funds and receive contribution from any person or persons by way of subscriptions and otherwise, provided that the church shall not undertake permanent trading activities in raising funds for the said object.
8. Do all such other lawful work and activities as are necessary for the attainment of the said objects.

9. The church provides resources and facilities to the general public for a range of activities such as: worship events, pastoral and spiritual care, homework groups and other community gatherings.
10. Promoting Christian values and giving services to members of local community.
11. Most members are volunteers of the charity, members grew in numbers this year and more church cells were opened across the different branches and these are called A12 Families.

ACTIVITIES

All church leaders of AWMUK have quarterly retreat sessions organised for pastors and leaders to equip them on leadership and other church growth strategies and skills.

Last year's International conference was led by AWMUK- ZTCC Bradford Branch and was held in October 2024 on and was broadcasted live on many different Social media platforms.

AGM was held December 2024 on line.

AWM Manchester distributed food and drinks to vulnerable members and to other hard to reach people within the community.

AWM Bradford successfully organised 3 days of international conference (26- 28 October 2024)

AWMUK baptised 30 people in 2024 across the different Branches of ZTCC in UK and many more were born again by receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

AWM Coventry has started to serve Breakfast to destitute local residents every Saturday morning as a way of reaching out in evangelism.

Weekly activities are run by each branch individually every week such as cell groups/ A12 meetings, department meetings or practices, Sunday services, Baptism, Holy Communion, bible studies, Baby/Bridal showers, Church Wedding celebrations, family support activities, funeral assistance, pastoral care etc.

This year 2025 AWM UK had visiting Pastors from abroad who held meetings in all branches across the UK. Each branch took part in organising conferences with guest speakers at their local level: Conference on Families and Harmony in the life of Married couples. Youths Worship Event, Family Activity Event, Single Mothers prayer Event. There is also another conference which is coming up in July for the Youth. The Church

grew in members and has therefore invested in Online broadcasting of the Church services.

All ZTCC branches have women's prayers every and are now reaching out to young Women and girls by encouraging them to participate and get involved in the discussion around different aspects of women's life and wellbeing.

The church holds prayer meetings online for youth, women and men separately on a weekly basis.

Intercession prayers online every day Monday- Sun at 6am for all members.

Achievements

Year 2025 the Church has increased in number, and the activities of the Church have widened to include all social groups even those who are difficult to reach out i.e the homeless. We continue to offer alternative ways of getting involved including holding bible studies online or organising online meetings for students who are at Uni away from home. However most of our Church activities and meetings are organised face to face. The Church attendance has also increased and our Sunday services are also an opportunity for most members to get together for prayer and worship as well as Agape – Fellowship and sharing of snacks after Church service.

Activities in local parishes are now back to normal timetable and in some of the branches, we are back to 2 or 3 Church services on Sunday.

In October 2024, Authentic Word Ministries ZTCC held a Conference in Bradford for 3 days where we saw people receiving the Lord Jesus as their Lord and Saviour, we also had an Ordination of 1 Pastor who is now the Senior Pastor in the Bradford branch.

In November 2024, the branch of ZTCC Birmingham was opened officially and is now running church activities as part of the AWM UK.

In Coventry youth bible study meetings have resumed and are run fortnightly. Men's group meets once a month.

The AWMUK has a women's monthly event called "Iron Sharpens Iron" which is held online. This is a platform led by women and for women where we discuss matters concerning women's health, education, raising children, taking care of their families, self- help skills and any other topic which they wish to discuss about as they feel it would benefit them. Sometimes we have guests speakers who come to talk to women on different life related topics.

All ZTCC meet weekly in face -to- face activities although we also hold lots of activities online as well to make it convenient and accessible to more people, even those who are outside the UK.

Other Zion Temple Celebration Centres are working toward the restructuring of the Charity so that each Branch of ZTCC can register as a Charity at the local level. This

proposal is still being discussed and will be presented to the Charity AGM this year for all members to have a say on the proposal.

We are continuing to work toward making mandatory trainings available to all volunteers and leaders of departments in our Charity: First Aid and Food Hygiene, Health and Safety and Safeguarding.

CHALLENGES.

Financial:

Because the church's source of income is via the funds raised through people donations and free contribution, we face financial hardship due to increase in inflation, the cost of living and financial strain on many people's finances. Also our Church does take part in any activities for profit and does not have any incomes generated through sales of any products.

The Charity is currently limited in what activities to run due to lack of funds and resources. We have plans and projects to support more people especially the youth in our communities but this requires funding and volunteers to support in such activities.

FUTURE PLANS:

Choosing more Trustees for the Charity to oversee the work of the Charity especially in the new branches(Birmingham And Manchester - Bury)

Pastors who were ordained 2 years ago have now entered new roles and new responsibilities in the areas where their input was needed. Therefore, there is a plan to expand existing activities to much wider groups of people, organise teaching sessions with the different groups in Church; Women, Men, Youth and Children.

To improve more on church activities 2024-2025 especially in reaching out the disadvantaged groups in communities through charitable work, evangelism, conferences and workshops where they can get together to learn on different topics on matters concerning their lives and biblical based teachings.

To try apply for government funding for our charity as well as other funding from public and private funders of charity work.

Volunteers. We would like to thank all the members and volunteers who work so hard to make our church spiritually and socially strong despite the challenges we went through this year.

We also thank different servants of God who worked tirelessly to run church activities in face to face meetings as well as online in order to continue strengthen the Church and maintain growth despite the financial challenges and other difficulties we have encountered this year.

