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Report and Accounts

31 March 2023

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Company Information

Directors

Reverend Edward Wei - Chairman
Reverend Bing Li
Reverend Ka Lok Wong
Deacon Samson Ho

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Charity number

1112334

Registered office

1 Payne Road, London, E3 2SP

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London Chinese Baptist Church (LCBC) is a company limited by guarantee governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 03 March 2005. It is registered as a charity with the UK Charity Commission on 30 November 2005 and its charity number is 1112334. Its main objects are to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to advance all aspects of Christian Faith in accordance with the doctrinal basis stated in its Memorandum of Association, primarily, but not exclusively, among the Chinese in London and the surrounding area.

Corporate Governance

The Board of Directors decided to adopt the Calendar year as the Church year and the latest Annual General Meeting was held on 3 December 2023 (hybrid, some attended via Zoom).

We are grateful for the contribution of our Advisors, including Dr Oliver Rice (Pastor of Bow Baptist Church) and Pastor Yi Dai, apart from myself (Reverend Edward Wei).

The Board of Directors administers the charity. Mr Mun Choon Lee has chaired the Church Finance Team, which currently includes himself, Ms Meili Li, and Ms Fan Zhang as members, with myself (Reverend Edward Wei) as member without a vote. We asked Ms Fan Zhang to audit our accounts internally and to appoint Mr Zongqi Du as External Independent Examiner for our accounts. Mr Mun Choon Lee has resigned from his responsibilities at the end of the year, although he has been helping with the smooth transition to the new team.

Ms Maggie Cheng, Mr Yong Luo, and Dr Yile Wu continued as deacons until June 2023. With the pastoral workers, they will have oversight of the LCBC's affairs on behalf of the Board, whilst the Board retains the direct responsibility for Church Finance (through the Church Finance Team) and Human Resource (Staff Employment) matters. They guide the Church Ministry Groups to execute the day to day functions.

The day to day affairs are being run by the Ministry Groups Leaders Team together with our Pastoral workers. Currently, its members are Reverend Bing Li, Mr Pun Ming Ip, myself, and Mr David Ip, Dr Yile Wu, Ms Maggie Cheng, Mr Robert Xiaobo Yang, Mr Xizhen Huang, Ms Xiaoqing He, and Ms Laura Xinzhu Yu. The Team usually meets once every two months, alternating with the bimonthly Members Meetings, and the team members are responsible for different ministries together with the Pastoral Team - Outreach, Caring, General Chores, Children and Teens, Secretarial, Worship, Cashier and Fellowship Ministry Groups. The Faith, Hope and Love Congregation has set up a core team led by Reverend Bing Li and Pastor Pun Ming Ip - Mr Yong Luo, Ms Jin Wang, Ms Fan Zhang, Ms Elsa Chow, Mrs Rachel Dai, Ms Julie Chan, Mr Sammy Leung.

Concerning our Children and Teens ministry, we are member of the Thirtyone:eight (formerly CCPAS, the Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service) and it is the umbrella organisation to help us to administer checks required by the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS). Mr Xiangbin Zhang and Ms Samantha Tang continue are our Designated Person and Deputy respectively for our Child Protection Policy, and Ms Juan Zhou and Ms Min Deng for the Faith, Hope and Love Congregation.

A data protection policy was approved by the Board of Directors on 21 July 2018 and adopted by the members meeting on 29 July 2018. Sub-committee was set up by the Board of Directors, with nominees from the deacons: Ms Maggie Cheng (Coordinator), Mr Stephen Kwan, Ms Xiaoqing He and Rev Edward Wei (ex officio, being Chairman of the Board of Directors)

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Related Parties

It is acknowledged that the charity was founded by an overseas charity organisation "Kowloon City Baptist Church, Hong Kong" (referred to as "KCBC"). We continue to enjoy their support although we have become totally independent from June 2017. We are especially grateful that we can continue to use their London Extension Centre at 27 Mossford Street, London E3 4TH

LCBC is also closely linked with the "Bow Baptist Church" (BBC) from the beginning, and we are grateful for their partnership and support, especially in allowing us to use their premises for many of our activities.

We became a member of London Baptist Association on June 2017 and we have been learning to relate with other Baptist Churches in London.

We have also worked more closely with the Chinese Overseas Christian Mission, especially in our students ministries.

Risk Management

Being fully aware of their responsibilities for risk assessment, the trustees are developing procedures for evaluating the risks associated with their operating plan activities, and also reviewing annually all insurances, office, fire and general safety, and terms and conditions of employment of staff. The intention is to develop a comprehensive risk assessment policy which will ensure that all important risks are evaluated so that appropriate action can be taken to mitigate these risks where necessary.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have established a policy whereby the unrestricted funds should be in a break-even situation each year. The reserves in the unrestricted funds will be retained as unrestricted funds. On 31st March 2023, the unrestricted funds amounted to £313,482.82.

The trustees are comfortable with this level of unrestricted fund and are confident that this level of funding will be sustained in the foreseeable future.

Review of main events and future development

LCBC was seriously affected by the situation in UK under covid-19. From summer 2021, we returned to actual worshipping together in stages, but we continued to have live broadcast for those who did not feel comfortable to come. Most other activities were still by zoom, but the communal activities on Wednesdays resumed in Petts Wood.

During the covid-19 lock-down period, many members of the two congregations left. However, there have been new migrants from Hong Kong due to the recent UK Government policy and a number have come and join us, especially our Faith, Hope and Love Congregation.

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The official membership at the end of March 2022 was 95. 14 were baptized during the year. The number attending our Sunday Service has not recovered to pre-covid-19 figures, but the number in Faith, Hope and Love Congregation has increased. So has the number of children and teenagers attending our Sunday Schools in the two places. Reverend Bing Li continues to serve as our Senior Pastor, and Mr Pun Ming Ip as Pastoral Worker, mainly responsible for our Faith, Hope and Love Congregation. We need to recruit more Pastoral Workers.

All our meetings were either suspended or held online and that has caused very serious challenges. The business meetings like those for Ministry Group Leaders, Pastoral Workers and Deacons, Church Members, Faith, Hope and Love Congregation Core Group were held less regularly.

Trustees Responsibilities

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of LCBC's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a true and fair view, the trustees should follow best practice and :-

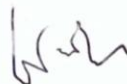
- select suitable accounting policies and consistently apply them;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable Accounting Standards have been followed subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that LCBC will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of LCBC and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the relevant legislation and the trust deed. They are responsible for safeguarding the assets of LCBC and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud or other irregularities.

Independent Examiners

A resolution to appoint Mr Zongqi Du as independent examiners of London Chinese Baptist Church was approved by the members at an Annual General Meeting at the Annual General Meeting held on 3 December 2023.

This report was prepared by the Chairman, based on the report presented by himself as Chairman and the report from the Minister-in-charge at the last AGM, and signed by him on behalf of the Board.



Reverend Edward Wei

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**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF
London Chinese Baptist Church**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income do not exceed £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA).

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did 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.

Zongqi Du
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1st December 2023

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Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 March 2023

	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Unrestricted Funds			
Incoming resources			
Voluntary gifts and donations	2	106,134	111,082
Support costs	3	(114,631)	(89,713)
Net Operating Surplus/(deficit)		<u>(8,497)</u>	<u>21,369</u>
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	7	-	-
Net movement of funds for the period		<u>(8,497)</u>	<u>21,369</u>

The statement of financial activities included all gains and losses recognised in the period.

All incoming resources and resources expended derived from continuing activities.

The statement of financial activities complied with the requirements for an income and expenditure account under the Companies Act 2006.

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Balance Sheet
As at 31 March 2023

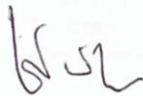
	Notes	2023 £	2022 £
Current assets			
Debtors	4	4,184	0
Cash at bank and in hand		313,483	324,572
		<u>317,667</u>	<u>324,572</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due			
Within one year	5	(1,592)	(0)
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net current assets		316,075	324,572
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Net assets		316,075	324,572
		<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>
Funds and reserves			
Unrestricted reserves	6	316,075	324,572
		<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Shareholders' funds		316,075	324,572
		<u>=====</u>	<u>=====</u>

The directors are satisfied that the company is entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006.

Members have not required the company to obtain an audit in accordance with section 476 of the Act.

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.



Rev. Edward Wei
 Director

Approved by the members at the AGM on 3 December 2023

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Notes to the Accounts
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1 Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (effective January 2015) and the Statement of Recommended Practice (Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in 2005).

Cashflow Statement

The company has taken advantage of the exemption from preparing a cash flow statement provided by FRS 1 "Cash flow statements" (revised 1996) as it qualifies as a small company.

Incoming resources

Income represents the total value of donations and gifts received by the company.

Volunteers and donated services and facilities

The value of services provided by volunteers is not incorporated into these financial statements. Further details of the contribution made by volunteers can be found in the trustees' annual report.

Resources expended

Charitable expenditure, support costs and administration costs comprise direct expenditure attributable to the charitable objective or activity. Where costs cannot be attributed, they have been apportioned to charitable objectives or activities according to the time or resources spent on each.

Support costs are listed separately on page 12.

Pensions

Contributions to defined contribution plans are expensed in the period to which they relate.

Funds

Unrestricted funds are those funds, which can be used at the Trustees' discretion. Restricted Funds are mainly funds whose purposes have been restricted by the donor. As at 31 March 2023 there was no restricted funds held by the charity.

Value Added Tax

The Charity is not registered for VAT and accordingly, where applicable, all costs and expenditure incurred are shown inclusive of VAT.

	2023	2022
	£	£
2 Incoming resources		
Offeritory, gifts & donations	105,365	103,518
Tax rebates	0	7,495
Interest received	769	69
	<u>106,134</u>	<u>111,082</u>

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3 Support costs	2023	2022
	£	£
Employee/volunteer costs:	69,194	63,478
Premises costs:	21,689	17,994
General administrative expenses:	3,412	2,595
Activities costs	<u>20,336</u>	<u>5,646</u>
	<u>114,631</u>	<u>89,713</u>

4 Debtors	2023	2022
	£	£
Other debtors	4,184	0

5 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	2023	2022
	£	£
Other taxes and social security costs	1,592	0

6 Funds and reserves	2023
	£
At 1 April 2022	324,572
Deficit for the year	(8,497)
At 31 March 2023	<u>316,075</u>

7 Taxation

The company is a registered charity and is potentially exempt from taxation in respect of income and capital gains received within the categories covered by Section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or Section 256 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that such income or gains are applied to exclusively charitable purposes.

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 Detailed profit and loss account
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	2023 £	2022 £
Support costs		
Employee/volunteer costs:		
Wages and salaries	64,115	59,337
Pensions	3,561	3,324
Staff training and welfare	0	0
Travel and subsistence	<u>1,518</u>	<u>817</u>
	<u>69,194</u>	<u>63,478</u>
Premises costs:		
Rent	17,304	15,230
Rates and utilities	<u>4,385</u>	<u>2,764</u>
	<u>21,689</u>	<u>17,994</u>
General administrative expenses:		
Bank Charges	171	39
Postage, stationery and printing	1,422	863
Subscriptions	388	388
Insurance	965	861
Repairs and maintenance	450	334
Sundry expenses	<u>16</u>	<u>110</u>
	<u>3,412</u>	<u>2,595</u>
Activities costs		
Fellowships, seminars & other activities	<u>20,336</u>	<u>5,646</u>
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