



The Saints' Projects Trust

'To advance the Christian faith and relieve poverty'

Trustees' Annual Report for year ended
31 December 2023

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Legal and Administrative Information

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Governing Document

The Saints' Projects Trust was established on 20 July 2006.

Coordinators

Sampson Okyere, International Coordinator, Ghana

Bharat Bhattari, Deputy International Coordinator, Nepal

Employees

Caleb Howard, CEO

President

Rt Rev Dr Christopher Cocksworth, Dean of Windsor

Patrons

Lord Alton of Liverpool

Daniel Hodson

Grace Natoli (resigned 4 Aug 2024)

Baroness Stroud
Patrick Whitworth
Mr Michael Younger
Dr James Orr
Mr Peter Fane

Trustees

Rev Michael John Smith (chair)
Rev Mark Mills-Powell
Rev Dr Richard Higginson
Rev Daniel Foot
LingLing Parnin
Rev Tim Mills
Obiageliaku Rocque
Ully-Lange Orobor
Sampson Okyere
Rod Levey (joined 5 September 2023)
Natalie deBungard (joined 5 September 2023)

Banker

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Independent Examiner

Tim Richardson
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Structure, Government, Management

Governing Document

The Saints' Projects Trust original deed was written and approved by the first group of trustees on 20 July 2006. Shortly thereafter, the Charity Commission granted Registered Charity status under registration number 1115724. Set forth in the Trust Deed are the strategic aims and goals of the charity:

Strategic Aims – (1) To enable Christian prayer, teaching, and ministry service; (2) to support ministry to widows, disabled, orphans and students by supplying clothing, food, medicine, shelter and education; (3) supporting Christian ministry in local churches and teaching the Christian religion in the UK and overseas; (4) establishing and strengthening houses of prayer in the UK and overseas; (5) organizing pilgrimages and retreats.

CORE Goals – Ministry to Churches, Orphans, Relief, and Education. Our desire is to work with local pastors and Guild members to impact and heal their communities, plus funding education and small businesses for brighter futures.

Organisational Structure

The charity is governed by a group of trustees who meet quarterly to set policy and review the activity of the charity. Trustee meetings are facilitated by the Chairperson and minutes are taken and reviewed at each meeting.

New trustees are proposed by existing trustees when they have satisfied themselves both of the need for further trustees, and that the person proposed meets the necessary qualifications as determined by the current trustees. In the year ending December 31, 2023, two new trustees were added: Rod Levey and Natalie deBungard. They were approved at the Trustee Meeting on 5 September 2023.

Review of Activities and Impact for Public Benefit

The mission of SPT is to 'advance the Christian faith and relieve poverty.' We deliver this vision by building relationships with individuals around the world and then working with them to build schools, start businesses and heal their communities. This is all supported and directed by our unique Guild prayer network that has thousands of members around the world.

There are several different well-documented and successful strategies for aiding communities in poverty alleviation. The model that SPT has chosen to follow is to focus our funding on educational and small-business opportunities. The hope is that by funding these areas, we are helping to create consistent and long-term income for those in need.

In the calendar year 2023, SPT sent over £60,000 in grants to foreign countries. These funds were used for a wide variety of projects, educational opportunities, small business ventures, and travel for our members.

Here are some of the highlights of our grants in 2023:

- Kampala Uganda: helping women who are fleeing sex work. SPT has maintained a home for these 40+ women and their children.
 - £12,000 sent for construction, small business start-ups, and educational opportunities.
- Migori County, Kenya: building a school for children affected by extreme poverty and AIDS
 - £10,000 sent to complete construction of new classrooms
- Techimentia, Ghana
 - £5,000 sent to a school for impoverished children. This was used to pay for tuition, purchase computers, and upgrade facilities.
- Multiple trustees also traveled to visit different countries and different ongoing projects.

Monitoring and Evaluating of Funds and Projects

Since SPT is still a small charity, it is very important to us that all of the funds that are spent are closely monitored. SPT has a few systems in place to do this:

- (1) One of the best aspects of SPT is the relationship the trustees have built with the beneficiaries in each country. It is much easier to maintain accountability when these strong relationships exist. We are in constant communication with each beneficiary and ask them to send updates to the trustees and pictures of their project's progress. This includes a report on budget, struggles, successes, and health of the project.
- (2) SPT has established a National Coordinator in each country. These are individuals who we have met in person and with whom we have a deep relationship. They are all members of the prayer Guild and help to oversee it in their country. These National Coordinators are the 'boots on the ground' for SPT. It is the role of this person to periodically get updates from the beneficiary. Not only do they receive a report, but the National Coordinators encourage, pray with, and help empower the local beneficiaries to do their work. Additionally, the National Coordinators will periodically visit the site of the project if feasible.
- (3) Every 4-6 months, National Coordinators send a report to the International Coordinator, Deputy International Coordinator, and SPT Chairman, giving a full report on activities, successes, and future needs.

- (4) SPT Trustees routinely travel to these countries to strengthen relationships and to check on projects.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The SPT trustees meet and converse regularly to decide on policy, fund distribution, and vision for the charity. Additionally, over the years several of them have traveled to visit our beneficiaries in Africa and India.

Charity law requires trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year. We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011. We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Safeguarding

SPT does have a Safeguarding Policy in place as well as a trustee who is the designated Safeguarding Officer (Obi Rocque). Any safeguarding concerns are addressed at trustee meetings.

Approval

This report was approved by the Trustees on 31 October 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Caleb Howard

CEO, Saints' Projects Trust

Saints' Projects Trust

Financial Statements To 31 December 2023

Independent Examiner's Report

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The Charity Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the Accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year to 31 December 2023 under section 144 of the Charity's Act 2011 and that an independent examination is required. It is my responsibility to:

1 examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act.

2 follow the procedures laid down in the General Direction given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5) of the Charities Act 2011) and

3 to state whether any particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 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 referred to below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the requirements

a. to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act

b. to prepare Accounts which agree to the accounting records and comply with the Charity Act have not been met: or

2 to which in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order for a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Tim Richardson BA ACA

8 Emsons Close, Linton, Cambridge,

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24 October 2024

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		Unrestricted Funds 2023 £	Restricted Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2023 £	Total Funds 2022 £
	Notes				
Income					
Individual Donors		9,448	17,932	27,380	62,034
Church Donations		5,568	671	6,239	3,351
Business Donations		0	11,100	11,100	600
Charitable Grant		375	8,000	8,375	0
Fundraising Events		1,639	5,939	7,578	4,749
Legacy Gift		0	0	0	0
Bank Refund/Interest	(a)	2,118	0	2,118	646
HMRC Gift Aid		9,258	0	9,258	3,348
Easy Fundraising		104	0	104	159
Transfer from Guild	(b)	0	1,764	1,764	300
Total Income		28,510	45,406	73,916	75,187
Expenditures					
Foreign Grants		25,661	34,461	60,122	97,106
Guild Expenses		0	180	180	180
Fundraiser		497	2,308	2,805	0
Employee Wages	(c)	0	18,397	18,397	27,549
Technology		395	11	406	415
Bank Fees		130	525	655	2,757
Total Expenditures		26,683	55,882	82,565	128,007
Reconciliation of Funds					
Funds C/F Previous Year		2,293	22,577	24,871	77,691
Deficit/Surplus for the Year		1,827	-10,476	-8,649	-52,820
Funds Carried Forward		4,120	12,101	16,222	24,871

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	Notes	Balance Carried Forward 2021 £	Restricted Donations £	Expenditures £	Balance Carried Forward 2023 £
General Fund		481	25,801	25,813	469
Necca Zimbabwe		1,547	5,000	5,024	1,523
St. Mark's Academy		66	11,457	10,483	1,040
Sisters of Rahab and Ruth		197	13,227	13,325	99
Home of Love India		416	300	400	316
Sampson Ghana		168	1,529	1,375	322
Guild Travel Expenses		0	2,063	1,972	91
Nairobi Gathering		450	1,150	0	1,600
Technology Expenses		300	350	271	379
Education Fund		0	1,374	1,374	0
Emergency Relief		326	1,158	1,484	0
Guild of St. John		80	300	285	95
Employee Wages		10,903	12,335	18,397	4,841
Restricted Donation	(d)	9,937	15,870	20,360	5,447
Minus Internal Transfers		0	17,998	17,998	0
Total		24,871	73,916	82,565	16,222

Financial Report Notes

Note (a): NatWest bank made an error on two of our transfers and refunded SPT £2118.

Note (b): The Guild is the prayer network which works with SPT. While the two organizations are deeply connected, they do maintain separate financial accounts. Therefore, there are often times that funds are sent from one account to the other.

Note (c): These funds went to anyone who performed paid work for SPT in 2023. The majority of this was the CEO, but also some outside independent contractors to help with specific projects.

Note (d): This was a donation given by an individual to be kept in the account and used at the discretion of the donor as needs arise.