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**MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE**  
**(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**  
**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

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The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the Charity for the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022. The Annual report serves the purposes of both a Trustees' report and a directors' report under company law. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the charitable company comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the charitable company's governing document and the provisions of the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Since the group and the Charity qualify as small under section 383 of the Companies Act 2006, the Group strategic report required of medium and large companies under the Companies Act 2006 (Strategic Report and Directors' Report) Regulations 2013 has been omitted.

**a. Public benefit**

The Trustees are aware of the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit in "The Advancement of Religion for the Public Benefit" and regularly review all activities to ensure they are per the aims and objectives of the charity. The Trustees have also considered the Charity Commission's guidance "Public benefit: running a charity (PB2)".

Milton Keynes Christian Centre (MKCC) provides benefits to the public through its provision of public worship facilities, pastoral care, discipleship courses and community initiatives - both for existing partners and those from our community who wish to benefit from what we offer. MKCC promotes Christian values and encourages our partners to actively serve others within their local communities and wider afield for the benefit of society as a whole. Details of our activities and the public benefit we provided throughout 2022 are detailed below.

**b. Objectives and activities**

Milton Keynes Christian Centre exists for the benefit of the public. Our charitable purposes as set out in the objects contained in our memorandum of association are to:

- advance the Christian faith;
- relieve sickness and financial hardship and promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support; and
- advance education.

Our vision statement at MKCC is to 'Bring people to Jesus and to equip them to be fully devoted followers of Christ'. Our values are:

- We're passionate about people - Lost people matter to God, so they must matter to us.
- We're committed to community - We do life together, building a loving community.
- We're moving towards maturity - We have made an intentional commitment to grow up in Christ.
- We're saved to serve - We are simply God's servants doing what he equipped us to do and watching him make the difference.
- We're forgiven to forgive - We will share radical grace with others in the same uncompromising way we received it from Christ.
- We're given to generosity - We will lead the way with irrational generosity, we truly believe it is more blessed to give than receive.
- We're bringing our best - We want to excel in all that we do so that we inspire others, honour God and bring a smile to His face.

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Our strategic vision inspires us. Over the next five years, we see:

- A church that is for our city, positioned in the heart of our community; a church that is constantly celebrating people making decisions for Christ and growing in God.
- A church family outworking a unified vision to reach the next generation (equipping parents to be the primary influence on their child's spiritual formation).
- A church making an impact outside the walls of our building - in our community, nation and around the world (sharing the Good News and meeting practical needs).
- A church committed to equipping people for everyday, ordinary life (providing ideas, resources and events to empower people to experience healthy relationships, lead and impact in every sphere of life and grow in God).
- A church where Jesus is famous and all the glory goes to God.

MKCC is a family church that welcomes everyone to join us at one of our Sunday worship services. In addition to attending Sunday services, we encourage everyone to engage in a Life Group and meet with others at least once a month. Life Groups encourage the building of community and enable people to do life together. Other core activities that MKCC initiates are children and youth ministries, senior citizens meetings, discipleship courses, a parent and toddler group and a food bank distribution centre. There are numerous opportunities for individuals to volunteer their time serving locally or further afield in projects throughout the world. MKCC operates Tiny Steps Day Nursery, provides accommodation and seeks to make the best use of our facilities through the provision of a Coffee Shop and conferencing services. MKCC provides financial support and provision of facilities to two partner organisations Into The Community, registered charity no. 1084287, and LightForce International, registered charity no. 1050871, to fulfill mission objectives.

#### **Achievements and performance**

##### **c. Sunday services**

2022 has been a year of re-growth with an average of 599 adults attending one of our two in-person church services between January and August rising to an average of 763 adults between September and December following the relaunch of a third service. An average of 191 kids attended our Discovery Kids services between January and May, rising to an average of 228 between September and December. We averaged 152 attendees at our online Sunday services across the year. An incredible 1,647 individuals participated in our Easter weekend services in-person or by viewing online whilst 1,353 took in our Christmas Eve services.

In 2022, our teaching team successfully implemented a well-rounded and biblically grounded curriculum, which was enthusiastically embraced by church partners and visitors alike. This curriculum plays an integral role in our overarching strategy to achieve our vision of fostering spiritual growth, both individually and as a community.

We are grateful to all who serve faithfully within our communications and creative arts team: leading our church in worship, operating audiovisual equipment, lights, or video cameras and all involved in our production team that works hard behind the scenes. Together the team enables us to provide an environment in which worshippers can focus on God and encounter Him for themselves through corporate worship and listening to the teaching of God's Word. Some 83 volunteers served in this area of ministry throughout the year.

##### **d. Discipleship**

Life Groups typically meet in private homes and play a vital role in fostering a sense of belonging and community, providing a more intimate setting for individuals to connect. Moreover, Life Groups serve as a tangible expression of our vision to equip people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus as they delve deeper into the Bible, pose thought-provoking questions, engage in meaningful prayer and cultivate their faith.

In 2022, we identified the need to revitalise our Life Group structure attendance hovering around 10-15% of Sunday attendance. We embarked on several initiatives, including the formation of interest groups, targeted outreach to individuals in their 20s, and the expansion of our existing groups. We will be recruiting a Connections Pastor in early 2023, who will focus on cultivating connection, fostering group dynamics and pastoral care for all members.

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**e. First impressions**

It has been wonderful to welcome so many guests to our Sunday services during 2022. Whilst familiar faces returned we welcomed a significant number of first-time visitors to our guest lounge each week.

Growth in in-person attendance and the move to three services in September resulted in a need to adapt this ministry and grow the team. We now have 176 volunteers serving in our car park and throughout the church building stewarding, cleaning and our guest lounge. With such a large team, we have worked hard to develop a culture of appreciation and in June we held a volunteer appreciation week celebrating the contributions of all our volunteers.

**f. Pastoral care**

We distributed a total of £3,981 from our benevolence fund to 19 individuals and families within our church family. We are committed to actively promoting, and we urge our volunteers and team leaders to remain vigilant and attentive to potential needs as they interact with individuals during our weekend services.

Our Sunday care team provides a vital service, praying for individuals after each service. Additionally, our pastoral care team seeks to befriend individuals, couples or families who are experiencing particularly challenging circumstances. In June we received a remarkable number of prayer request cards ahead of our prayer and worship evening. In response, our staff and volunteers made a concerted effort to reach out to 105 individuals who had submitted a prayer request, connecting with them over the phone to pray and offer encouragement. The result was truly awe-inspiring, as we received multiple reports of individuals who experienced answers to their prayers.

**g. Next steps**

During the period from September to December 2022, 176 new adults were added to our church database. Our connections team reaches out to new guests by telephone, seeking to establish a personal connection and inquire about their experience during our Sunday service. New guests are warmly invited to attend our 'New Friends' lunch and those who wish to take the next step in their spiritual journey are also invited to join our membership class - we currently have 513 partners.

We held four baptism celebrations; in March, July, August and November with a total of 47 people baptised - 17 adults and 30 children/young people. Some of those baptised in July were invited to record a short video story about their faith journey which proved effective to help candidates reflect and articulate the difference God had brought to their lives and created significant moments in our weekend services.

**h. Local mission - forMK**

Whilst 2022 has been a year of gradual COVID-19 recovery, the return to a 'new normal' has been backdropped by an exponential increase in needs arising from the economic crisis. Amidst the current cost of living crisis, we have witnessed an overwhelming outpouring of generosity from our church family enabling forMK to strategically express the love of Christ and meet needs within our community.

Our annual Be-Rich campaign enabled a grassroots fund to be established, aimed at helping small groups, organisations and individuals who were directly meeting community needs. Through a simple application process, 13 'hidden gems' and 'unsung heroes' of our community were supported. Areas of need addressed were:

- bereavement support for children and young people
- provision of community food parcels to those with Mental Health and/or isolation/transport issues
- support to those who have lost a loved one through Covid-19
- free holiday club provision including healthy food and activities for 6-11 years olds
- community activities and information sessions for residents of Fishermead
- provision of a hot cooked breakfast at minimum cost
- increasing awareness of maintaining natural hair care for those of African and Caribbean origin
- community and elite-level basketball and behavioural coaching for children and young people
- Christmas extravaganza for families of children with additional needs and life-limiting conditions
- performing arts workshops (dance, drama and music) for people with disabilities
- building diverse community cohesion through joining a community choir

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- provision of 190+ cooked Christmas dinners and goodie boxes to the vulnerable in MK
- live music and network event for young people and showcasing national musical talent

forMK has maintained strong and positive connections with our voluntary sector friends and partners while encouraging our members to get involved and pursue their passions. Our Volunteer Expo held in March, was attended by 110 people and saw 19 charities and organisations represented.

Through ongoing communication, connections and partnerships our response to the practical and financial needs of the community of Milton Keynes has broadened and our reputation as a source of generosity, love and help in our community has increased.

Under the banner of Crime and Safety, and in response to the increasing gang-related incidents and knife crime across Milton Keynes, forMK hosted 2 community events. The first, in May, was coordinated by the African Diaspora Foundation (led by Fresh Youth MK) with representation from Thames Valley Police. Over 50 people attended from 11 local Black Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities and discussed ways to build better community relationships to tackle youth crime. The second event in August was built on the youth workshop held in November 2021 and facilitated by Leo Powell - a London-based Church youth leader, filmmaker, speaker, and pastoral mentor with working knowledge of County Lines, gang culture and knife crime. Leo engaged an audience of 80 adults and young people sharing information and raising awareness of 'County Lines'; its definitions, terminology, signs, stats and reporting.

We have continued to connect and partner with people and organisations and key decision-makers; invest in local initiatives and community projects and encourage our church family to activate their passions to serve others through volunteering.

Though such need can often seem overwhelming, the ongoing generosity of MKCC members' time, talent and finances has meant that forMK has been able to track and respond to community needs. The result has been a year of success where we have been able to step out as God leads to bring positive impact and change to those within our reach.

#### **i. Children**

Discovery Kids exists to 'encourage every child to dig deeper and discover Jesus for themselves' through the filter of our four values: Fun, Safety, Relationships and Age-appropriate.

We outwork this through several programs that run throughout the week and calendar year - Sunday Discovery Kids services (within four age-appropriate settings), Wednesday DK Groups (school year-based small groups meeting each week in term-time) our ministry for children with additional needs, Konnect, which seeks to ensure 'every child' can enjoy Discovery Kids at their level.

It was great to see activities and relationships returning to 'normal' throughout 2022. For the first time in several years, we were able to run our Christmas and Easter specials for children aged 5-11 with both events selling out and over 200 children in attendance.

In August we ran an activity for 5-11-Year-olds called the Summer Smash with 91 children attending each day. We undertook a range of on/off-site activities with the kids having a fantastic time and parents expressing their gratitude.

140 children enrolled in our DK Groups which recommenced in late September. 40 leaders help lead 18 groups to help children learn and grow together and build strong relationships.

Discovery Kids partnered with the forMK Team to deliver some half-term events targeting families struggling through the cost of living crisis. We provided a free brunch at MKCC or breakfast at home kits, held a family dinner and games night and a family hot dog and movie night. These events were well received by our local community and church family.

At Christmas, we partnered with the forMK team and local primary schools providing over 60 hampers for families in need -hampers included vouchers for a local supermarket. As we delivered the hamper to one family a young lad was heard shouting to his dad, "Dad, Christmas can start there is food in the house!" Our Santa's grotto saw over

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300 community children attend to receive a free, age-appropriate gift, a chocolate Santa and a 'family pack' which included hot chocolate, games, craft and a book.

Konnnect (ministry for children with additional needs) thrived during 2022 following a slow post-covid return - we now support 12 children with a 1-2-1 buddy. At Christmas, we gathered the families for a party and gave each a gift to show our love and support.

**j Youth**

Fuse is our ministry to secondary students aged 11 to 18 years. The vision for Fuse is 'connecting young people to Jesus so they can treasure him' and it is worked out through the values; Belong, Grow, and Be Real.

The primary Fuse event takes place on Friday nights with activities and a church service tailored specifically for young people. Throughout the year we addressed issues such as purpose and identity, who Jesus is, doubt, forgiveness and mental health as well as giving 6 young people the chance to share their faith with their peers. Our Fuse team grew with 14 new leaders added to the team.

During the Unsinkable series, one young person said, "I like hearing about people who doubted God. It makes me feel better and helps me to know that I'm not alone and I can get over my doubts."

Throughout the summer we ran some different activities to help the young people to stay connected to their friends and in September we launched a Sunday Fuse area - an average of 37 young people sat together during Sunday services, connecting with friends.

On average, 83 young people attended Fuse on a Friday evening and our Christmas Party had 132 young people in attendance.

**k Sensory Suite**

It's evident that the Sensory Suite is truly fulfilling a significant need within the community, and it's heartening to witness the wide array of groups benefitting from it. The Sensory Suite is not only empowering learners to reach their utmost potential, but it's also serving as an invaluable resource for caregivers and other support personnel, equipping them to deliver the highest level of care. With 10-12 sessions booked each week, it's clear that the demand for this facility is consistently growing, further attesting its vital role in the community.

The suite caters to a diverse range of users, including family groups, dedicated caregivers, charitable organisations, specialised schools, as well as our own Tiny Steps Day Nursery and Discovery Kids. The reaction from all users has been so positive. One parent recently sent an e-mail after their first use saying 'Our son loved his time in the sensory space we were just amazed that such a place exists for him as this is very rarely the case.'

It's great to witness formal arrangements which enable family members to receive respite care, and the involvement of organisations such as MacIntyre and MK Council, who are utilising the suite to support learners. These partnerships with charities and other community organisations prove to be immensely beneficial for all parties, as they foster the sharing of resources and expertise, leading to a more comprehensive and effective support for families in need. We are committed to continually building such partnerships and exploring innovative ways of collaborating to further enhance our support for families in our community.

**l Seniors**

Our Lime Out ministry seeks to provide an opportunity for seniors to come together to build friendships and find support and care through a weekly program. The aim is to stimulate mind, body and spirit as our dedicated team of volunteers actively care for members during the weekly Thursday afternoon session. Transport is provided for those with limited mobility and in addition to bringing individuals to MKCC each week, our dedicated volunteer team visit the housebound and those in hospital or nursing homes.

We re-launched in-person gatherings in February when it was great to see people returning after having to be isolated for such a long time. We also had several new people join us regularly. Those who attend love to come together to socialise - it makes for a noisy but most enjoyable afternoon.

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Sadly, we lost 2 long-standing members in the early months of 2022 - their passing brought much sadness but the group was able to reflect with fondness on so many memories of their time with us. One of the ladies who passed left some money and instructions for us to hold a cream tea celebration in her memory. We were able to celebrate one member's 90th birthday - the lady was thrilled with her party and overwhelmed with emotion on the day. During a hot spell of weather, the church kindly provided fans for those in the group who didn't have one - they were gratefully received.

A planned Christmas party had to be cancelled at the last minute due to snow but our team of volunteers were able to visit all our regulars to distribute Christmas presents of blankets, books and chocolates, courtesy of #ForMK. Once again people expressed their gratitude for our love and generosity.

**m. Facilities**

The Accommodation Unit, initially constructed as a training facility to house bible school students and their classroom space, has fulfilled several purposes over the years. In recent times the unit has provided single-occupancy accommodation for young professionals working throughout the city. MKCC continues to rent out a property in Oldbrook which made a small contribution to the running costs of the centre. Throughout 2022 occupancy levels remained high generating a rental income of over £74,366.

Whilst finance generated from the provision of accommodation assists in covering the general running costs of MKCC, such accommodation greatly benefits members of our local community who find themselves in great need and often unable to afford accommodation offered elsewhere in Milton Keynes.

**n. Tiny Steps Day Nursery**

Tiny Steps is dedicated to creating a warm and welcoming "home from home" environment for the children who attend our setting from the local community and surrounding areas. Our staff work tirelessly to instil in the children a sense of good citizenship and empathy towards themselves and others, ensuring every child feels valued and included, with equal opportunities for growth and development.

In response to the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, we implemented a drop-and-collect-at-the-door policy, which has remained and had a significant positive impact on the children. Even the youngest ones, as young as 1-year-old, now walk into the setting confidently without needing additional supervision. We have also introduced "stay and play" sessions, where families can come into the setting and play with their children, providing an opportunity for parents/carers to experience the environment their child attends. Through the use of the Family app, we have also introduced "daily news feeds" that keep parents/carers informed about the activities and events taking place throughout the day.

Our management team is strong and our staff cohort works cohesively, exploring different theories that inform and guide our practice. We have been particularly focused on understanding schemas, a type of learning, and facilitating children's exploration and enhancement of this aspect of their development.

One of our proudest achievements is the cohesion and strength of our team, which remains intact and continues to grow stronger as a unified unit. We have successfully supported a visually impaired child, who will be moving up to pre-school soon, and other visually impaired and differently-able children who receive specialised care and attention.

In August, our preschool garden underwent a renovation, providing a fresh new space that the children are enjoying, especially the new shelter.

As we move into 2023, we are excited about the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, including our upcoming Ofsted inspection. At the end of the 2022, we maintained a full-time occupancy (FTE) of 60.6, and we are eager to continue providing high-quality care and education to our children and families. Despite the whirlwind of 2022, we are ready to embrace the new year and all that it has in store for us.

**MKCC Limited**

MKCC Ltd is a subsidiary company that is wholly owned by Milton Keynes Christian Centre incorporated on 21st December 2015 and which commenced trading on 1st February 2016.

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MKCC LTD's main business activities comprise the enterprise aspects of Milton Keynes Christian Centre activity including: Conferencing and venue hire

MKCC Ltd turnover equated to £132,658 for the period 1st January to 31st December 2022, making a trading profit of £41,977.

#### **MK Conferencing**

MK Conferencing's primary purpose is to offer conferencing and event services to both local and national organisations, whilst utilising the facilities of MKCC to generate funds. The surplus funds generated are then gift aided to serve the vision and purposes of the charity and ensuring donations received can be directed towards the local/global mission of MKCC.

The business model revolves around nurturing existing clientele, which includes local government agencies and their partners, various sectors of the NHS, and other commercial clients, while also actively engaging with new business and commercial clients.

Despite the challenges faced during the pandemic, MK Conferencing had a successful year as the industry started to recover towards normalcy. While business levels were not on a par with 2019 due to clients changing their business model and cautiousness towards large in-person events, we witnessed the return of several clients and larger bookings towards the end of the year. Additionally, to support key workers, room hire was provided at a discounted rate to NHS, Councils, Charities and Statutory Bodies for facilitating training.

MK Conferencing adapted to the changing landscape of conferencing and client behaviour, including shorter lead time on bookings, and consistently performed above budgeted levels. As the year progressed, there was an increasing demand from clients to book the facilities, and due to a faster-than-expected recovery from the pandemic, MK Conferencing was able to contribute a substantial amount of £42,123 towards the overheads of MKCC, further supporting its mission.

#### **New DayCafe**

The day to day running of the Coffee Shop is outsourced to New Day Cafe. The Coffee Shop continues to act as a reception point for the building, providing a warm welcome to the local community. It also serves as a safe space for local charities to meet with their clients. Additionally, the coffee shop & foyer has been utilised to welcome various groups, such as a job seekers group, a weekly support meeting for parents of home-schooled children, and charities like MacIntyre, providing space for children and young adults with additional needs.

#### **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

##### **Tithes and Offerings**

In a historic moment for our church, giving to undesignated funds has exceeded one million pounds for the first time, reaching a total of £1,063,456. This remarkable achievement includes Gift Aid of £186,483, which is significantly higher than usual due to several people completing gift aid forms, allowing us to reclaim gift aid on their giving for the previous four years.

##### **All In**

Beyond our regular giving through Tithes and Offerings, we also contributed to various restricted funds that made a significant impact on the lives of individuals within our church community and in the city of Milton Keynes as well as beyond through our partnership with LightForce International. In total, including Gift Aid, we gave £157,412 to these important causes.

##### **All In - Benevolence**

Through the Benevolence fund, we have helped countless people in our church family and beyond. We had the privilege of assisting an individual through our fund, who had been facing immense challenges. This person was a newcomer to our church and one Sunday, when they reached a breaking point, one of our volunteers stepped in to offer assistance. After learning about their struggles, the volunteer arranged a supermarket voucher from the fund. The volunteer had the joy of taking them to the supermarket to redeem the voucher. This act of kindness ensured that the person had access to food for the next month without any financial burden.

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The impact of our intervention was profound, as the person who had come to our church feeling hopeless, was left with a renewed sense of hope and a bright smile on their face. Our efforts not only met their immediate needs but also connected them with someone willing to walk alongside them in their journey. It was a humbling experience to witness the power of compassion and generosity in transforming lives.

**Global Impact**

In 2022, we had the privilege of investing £172,665 including £72,223 from All In, into overseas missions through our partnership with Pastor George and LightForce International in Albania, Uganda and India.

Our investment has enabled Pastor George Ridley and his team to continue their invaluable work in these countries, providing vital resources and support to those in need. From empowering young people in Uganda to promoting education and healthcare in India and Albania, our investment has helped to make a meaningful difference in the lives of countless individuals and communities.

In November 2022, Pastor Mark had the opportunity to visit the LightForce base in Uganda and was deeply moved by the incredible impact of our giving on the community of Lira. During his visit, he had the privilege of attending a joyous celebration with over a thousand guests, including local dignitaries and the Bishop of Uganda, as they honoured the graduates from the LightForce International Day Nursery, Primary School, and Agricultural College.

Reflecting on his experience, Pastor Mark shared his profound admiration for the transformative work being carried out by LightForce International. He was particularly impressed by the significant number of young people involved in the projects and George's unwavering commitment to empowering them to create a better future for themselves. Moreover, he witnessed first-hand how Christian principles were being taught and put into action throughout the projects, leading to a positive impact on countless lives through the grace and love of God.

Pastor Mark's visit to the LightForce International base in Uganda was a testament to the incredible work being done by the organisation, and a reminder of the transformative power of giving and compassion.

**ForMK**

As a church community, we made a significant impact on our city through our "All In" campaign, raising £39,227 to support those in need. Despite the ongoing challenges of the pandemic and the cost of living crisis, our members' generosity allowed us to respond to community needs through a variety of initiatives:

- We donated £500 worth of sanitary hygiene products to the Afghan refugee community in Heelands and Newport Pagnell.
- We gave £582.79 worth of school stationery items to St Paul's Catholic school to be gifted to students who lacked these key items.
- A £500 donation was made to Lord Grey school to contribute to their incentive scheme, rewarding students for improved behaviour and progress.
- We donated £500 to Oldbrook First School to replenish their library, along with £100 worth of Children's Bibles as identified by our DK team.
- We contributed £400 to Bridgebuilder Trust to purchase Next Steps booklets, helping children transition from primary to secondary school.
- We donated £527.50 to MK Carers to fund holiday activities for 54 young carers at Willen Watersports and Caldecotte Rock Climbing, providing respite for those caring for their loved ones.
- A donation of £500 was made to MK ACT to help fund a seaside trip for all residents of the refuge, many of whom had never been to the seaside before.
- We raised £530 to create 20 start-up packs for new clients of Connection Support (homeless and mental health charity), providing them with bedding, cutlery, and basic toiletries to help them settle into new accommodations.
- We gave £1,500 to Fresh Youth MK to assist in setting up their volunteer monitoring and evaluation system.
- We donated £8,700 to MK Foodbank to help establish their mobile Top-Up Shop service and support their food drop campaign.
- We invested £3,000 in equipment to improve the Sensory Suite.
- We raised £2,268.75 for Prison Fellowship's Angel Tree campaign, donating 137 gifts for the children of prisoners.
- We invested approximately £3,000 in Christmas outreach through a collaboration with the DK Team to coordinate the Santa's Grotto event and community Family Hampers distribution.

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- We collected over 1,900 non-perishable food items at our "Fill Santa's Sleigh" drive-thru event in support of MK Foodbank.
- We packed and delivered Christmas goody bags, each containing a warm blanket, to 180 older residents across five local sheltered accommodation units.
- We purchased 50 address books to be added to gift bags for all Time Out attendees, helping them restore their contact lists and rebuild relationships.
- We purchased 100 brand-new family board games for families identified by local Children's Centres through our partnership with MK Council Family Support Team.

Through these initiatives, we demonstrated our commitment to supporting those who matter to God and, therefore, matter to us. We are truly for Milton Keynes.

#### **Be Rich**

In February 2022, we were thrilled to revive our annual Be Rich campaign after the ease of restrictions, encouraging members to give 'a little' to collectively make a 'big' impact. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, the campaign raised an astounding £7,417.

This money enabled us to establish a Grassroots Fund, aimed at supporting small groups, organizations, and individuals who were directly addressing community needs. Through a straightforward application process, we were able to identify and support 13 'hidden gems' and 'unsung heroes' in our community. These efforts addressed a wide range of pressing issues, including bereavement support for children and young people, community food parcel provisions for those facing mental health and isolation/transport issues, and support for those who have lost loved ones to COVID-19.

Our campaign also helped to fund a range of community activities, such as free holiday club provisions for 6-11-year-olds, community information sessions for Fishermead residents, and hot-cooked breakfast provisions at a minimum cost. Additionally, we supported initiatives aimed at building community cohesion and empowering young people, including basketball and behavioural coaching, performing arts workshops, and live music events.

Our efforts culminated in the provision of 190+ cooked Christmas dinners and goodie boxes for the vulnerable in MK, as well as a Christmas extravaganza for families of children with additional needs and life-limiting conditions. We are proud of the positive impact our Be Rich campaign has had on our community and remain committed to supporting those in need in the years to come.

#### **Prophecy Fulfilled**

In the early days of 1985, our small church family faced a daunting financial challenge as we embarked on building a new church in Oldbrook. Following a day of prayer and fasting, a lady brought a word from God that the money needed for the project would come "of the church, not from the church." At the time, we didn't fully understand the significance of this message.

However, as the building was completed and we began to utilise it, we realised that God had a plan. We would use our facilities to generate funds to cover all the core costs associated with owning a building, including mortgage, maintenance, and utilities, freeing up tithes and offerings for the ministry and mission.

Fast forward to 2022, and for the year these costs amounted to £281,489. But we are thrilled to report that our facilities, such as the Tiny Steps Day Nursery and MK Conferencing, not only covered these costs in full but generated a surplus of £19,648.

In 2010, we completed the latest phase of development on our Oldbrook site and entered into a mortgage agreement of £1.5 million, with a repayment deadline of 2030. Thanks to the surpluses generated by our activities and the sacrificial giving of our MKCC family, we were able to clear our mortgage in 2022, a full eight years ahead of schedule. We are humbled and grateful to God for His provision and faithfulness throughout this journey.

#### **a. Statement relating to Going Concern (COVID-19)**

We are pleased to report that the charity ended 2022 in a strong financial position thanks to the continued support of our partners, the excellent post-pandemic performance of our Day Nursery and Conferencing activities and the continued efforts of senior management to control costs/expenditure.

**MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE  
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The charity's cash reserves increased by £57,506 during 2022 resulting in free cash reserves of £439,479 as on 31st December 2022. The Governance board can confirm Milton Keynes Christian Centre can continue operating in 2023 and further, with no concerns regarding financial viability.

**Reserves policy**

The reserves policy of Milton Keynes Christian Centre is to hold sufficient funds to cover the costs of closing part or all of our facilities in Oldbrook, Milton Keynes in the event of a major setback. We aim to hold £250,000 as a free cash flow to pay any notice periods, redundancies and expenses associated with the site closure whilst enabling us to retain required staff and secure alternate premises to be able to continue our weekend church services and provide pastoral assistance to our local community. In addition, we also seek to hold funds to meet the requirements of our 12-month rolling capital replacement program. MKCC held cash reserves of £636,608 on the 31st December 2022 of which £197,129 was restricted (£193,693 All In, £3,436 Nursery grant) leaving free cash reserves of £439,479. The Trustees believe the charity currently hold £439,479 in free cash reserves. The Trustees review this policy annually.

**Future developments**

Throughout 2023 MKCC will continue to provide public benefit through the delivery of our charitable activities. We will continue to deliver our charitable objectives through:

- On-going development and implementation of a strategy which encourages and facilitates church growth;
- Continuing to maximise our volunteer participation;
- Assisting every individual to identify and take the next step in their spiritual journey;
- On-going development and implementation of our ForMK strategy which seeks to meet practical needs in our community;
- Continued support of LightForce International and Into The Community;
- Continually seeking to develop and enhance the services Tiny Steps Day Nursery, Conferencing@ MKCC and Coffee Shop provide to the members of our local community, Milton Keynes and surrounding areas.
- Promotion of our Sensory Suite to families throughout Milton Keynes who have at least one child with additional needs.

**Structure, governance and management**

**Constitution**

Milton Keynes Christian Centre is incorporated as a charitable company limited by guarantee (charity number 1119304, company number 5982564) governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association.

**Governance**

Our Governance Board currently comprises the Chair and eight other Trustees whose names are listed on the association information page of this document. We have all declared that we will carry out our responsibilities as Trustees of MKCC per the Charity Commission guidelines. Trustees have also considered the Good Governance Code for the voluntary sector. As part of our induction and training as Trustees, we were provided with detailed information about MKCC and its various activities, including its memorandum and articles, accounts, financial reports and minutes of previous Trustees' meetings. We, the Trustees, form the membership of the charitable company.

We have overall responsibility for overseeing MKCC's strategy and operations, approving its budgets and for all its major decisions. The leadership of the church and management of the organisation's activities is delegated to the Church Leadership and senior management who report directly to the Trustees providing feedback on performance and informing Trustees of future planning. Trustee's meetings are held at least four times a year.

**Risk management**

We regularly assess the major risks to which the charity is exposed and in particular, those related to reputation and stakeholder confidence in senior leadership, safeguarding children and vulnerable adults, Health and Safety, the fulfilment of regulatory requirements, business continuity and ensuring the long-term financial security of MKCC. The Governance board record all major risks identified within a risk register. Responsibility for maintaining/updating the risk register is delegated to a sub-committee overseen by Peter Takacs.

The Governance board review all risks identified within our register at least once a year and the key policy and procedures which relate to the major risks and receives regular reports from senior management and church leadership.

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The Trustees, who are also the directors for the purpose of company law, and who served during the year and up to the date of signature of the financial statements were:

Mark Sherratt, Senior Pastor

Virginia Brown

Peter Takacs

Omotayo Kufeji

Joseph Amaeze

Jon Keel

(Appointed 8 March 2022)

Gabrielle Osei

(Appointed 8 March 2022)

John Eis

(Appointed 8 March 2022)

Fola Komolafe, Chair

**Statement of Trustees' responsibilities**

The Trustees (who are also the directors of the Charity for the purposes of company law) are responsible for preparing the Trustees' report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Company law requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under company law, the Trustees must not approve the financial statements unless they are satisfied that they give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group and the Charity and of their incoming resources and application of resources, including their income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) 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 presume that the Group will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Group's and the Charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Group and the Charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Group and the Charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

**Auditor**

The auditor, Crouchers Ltd, has indicated his willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditor at a meeting of the Trustees.

**Disclosure of information to auditor**

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charitable group's auditor is unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charitable group's auditor is aware of that information.

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The Trustees' report was approved by the Board of and signed on their behalf by.



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Fola Komolafe, Chair  
**Trustee**



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Mark Sherratt, Senior Pastor  
**Trustee**

Date: ...15th September 2023.....

**MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE  
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)  
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE**

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**Opinion**

We have audited the financial statements of Milton Keynes Christian Centre (the 'Charity') for the year ended 31 December 2022 which comprise the statement of financial activities, the balance sheet, the statement of cash flows and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 *The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland* (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion, the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charitable company's affairs as at 31 December 2022 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

**Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditors responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

**Conclusions relating to going concern**

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees' remuneration and expenses with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

**Other information**

The other information comprises the information included in the annual report other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The Trustees' remuneration and expenses are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

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**Matters on which we are required to report by exception**

In the light of our knowledge and understanding of the charitable company and its environment obtained in the course of the audit, we have not identified material misstatements in the Trustees' report.

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which Companies Act 2006 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the parent charitable company has not kept adequate and sufficient accounting records, or returns adequate for our audit have not been received from branches not visited by us; or
- the parent charitable company financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- certain disclosures of Trustees' remuneration specified by law are not made; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit; or

the Trustees were not entitled to prepare the financial statements in accordance with the small companies regime and take advantage of the small companies' exemptions in preparing the Trustees' report and from the requirement to prepare a Strategic report.

**Responsibilities of Trustees**

As explained more fully in the Trustees' responsibilities statement, the Trustees (who are also the directors of the charitable company for the purposes of company law) are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the Group's and the parent charitable company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the Group or the parent charitable company or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

**MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE  
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE**

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**Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements**

We have been appointed as auditor under section 151 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Enquiry of management around actual and potential litigation and claims;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the business rational of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias;
- Reviewing minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;
- Reviewing financial statement disclosures and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

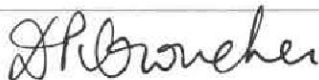
A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: [www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities](http://www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities). This description forms part of our Auditor's report.

**Use of our report**

This report is made solely to the charitable company's members, as a body, in accordance with Chapter 3 of Part 16 of the Companies Act 2006, and to the charitable company's trustees, as a body, Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charitable company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charitable company and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)  
TO THE TRUSTEES OF MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE**

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**Mr D P Croucher BSc (Hons) FCCA ACA (Senior Statutory Auditor)  
for and on behalf of Crouchers Ltd**

15.09.2023

**Chartered Accountants  
Statutory Auditor**

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**MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE  
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
INCLUDING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

**Current financial year**

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
<b>Income from:</b>					
Income from donations and legacies	2	1,063,456	157,412	1,220,868	1,034,271
Income from Other trading activities	3	963,607	3,449	967,056	770,247
Other income	4	-	-	-	78,142
Investment income	5	75,699	-	75,699	73,441
<b>Total income</b>		<b>2,102,762</b>	<b>160,861</b>	<b>2,263,623</b>	<b>1,956,101</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>					
Expenditure on raising funds					
Fundraising trading expenses	6	97,309	-	97,309	72,348
Other trading expenses	6	41,800	-	41,800	17,923
		139,109	-	139,109	90,271
Charitable activities expenditure	7	1,823,102	119,331	1,942,433	1,754,619
Other expenditure	10	4,588	-	4,588	5,495
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>1,966,799</b>	<b>119,331</b>	<b>2,086,130</b>	<b>1,850,385</b>
<b>Net incoming resources before transfers</b>		<b>135,963</b>	<b>41,530</b>	<b>177,493</b>	<b>105,716</b>
Gross transfers between funds		35,717	(17,794)	17,923	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>171,680</b>	<b>23,736</b>	<b>195,416</b>	<b>105,716</b>
Fund balances at 1 January 2022		2,799,519	228,229	3,027,748	2,922,032
<b>Fund balances at 31 December 2022</b>		<b>2,971,199</b>	<b>251,965</b>	<b>3,223,164</b>	<b>3,027,748</b>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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

**MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE  
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

**Consolidated Balance Sheet**

**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	12		2,743,526		2,833,994
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	15	57,497		29,424	
Cash at bank and in hand		636,608		579,102	
		694,105		608,526	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	16	(214,467)		(157,864)	
Net current assets			479,638		450,662
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			3,223,164		3,284,656
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	17		-		(256,908)
<b>Net assets</b>			3,223,164		3,027,748
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	18		251,965		228,229
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	19	2,971,199		2,799,519	
			2,971,199		2,799,519
			3,223,164		3,027,748

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Fola Komolafe, Chair  
Trustee



Mark Sherratt, Senior Pastor  
Trustee

The notes on pages 21 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

**Company registration number 05982564**

**MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE  
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**Charity Balance Sheet**

**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>					
Tangible assets	12		2,742,258		2,832,101
Investments	13		100		100
			<u>2,742,358</u>		<u>2,832,201</u>
<b>Current assets</b>					
Debtors	15	49,821		42,183	
Cash at bank and in hand		590,031		540,308	
		<u>639,852</u>		<u>582,491</u>	
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	16	(159,495)		(130,244)	
Net current assets			<u>480,357</u>		<u>452,247</u>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>			<u>3,222,715</u>		<u>3,284,448</u>
<b>Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year</b>	17		-		(256,908)
<b>Net assets</b>			<u><u>3,222,715</u></u>		<u><u>3,027,540</u></u>
<b>Income funds</b>					
Restricted funds	18		251,965		257,812
<u>Unrestricted funds</u>					
Designated funds	19	2,970,750		2,769,728	
			<u>2,970,750</u>		<u>2,769,728</u>
			<u><u>3,222,715</u></u>		<u><u>3,027,540</u></u>

The Charity's net movement in funds for the year was £195,416 (2021 - £105,716).

The Trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to

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**MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE  
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

**Consolidated Balance Sheet**

**AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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Trustee



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Mark Sherratt, Senior Pastor  
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The notes on pages 21 to 35 form part of these financial statements.

**Company registration number 05982564**

**MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE**  
**(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>					
Cash generated from operations	23		307,020		1,478
<b>Investing activities</b>					
Purchase of tangible fixed assets		(50,419)		(36,539)	
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		5,833		267	
Purchase of investments		-		(100)	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		-		100	
Investment income received		75,699		73,411	
<b>Net cash generated from investing activities</b>			31,113		37,139
<b>Financing activities</b>					
Repayment of borrowings		(256,908)		-	
Repayment of bank loans		(23,719)		-	
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>			(280,627)		-
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>			57,506		38,617
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			579,102		540,485
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at end of year</b>			<u>636,608</u>		<u>579,102</u>

The notes on pages 21 to 36 form part of these financial statements.

**MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE  
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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**1 Accounting policies**

**Charity information**

The charity is a private company limited by guarantee, registered in England and Wales and is a registered in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is Strudwick Drive, Oldbrook, Milton Keynes, MK6 2TG. The accounts have been prepared in sterling and rounded to the nearest£.

**1.1 Accounting convention**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charity's governing document, the Companies Act 2006, FRS 102 "The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland" ("FRS 102") and the Charities SORP "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). The Charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Milton Keynes Christian Centre meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy.

The Consolidated statement of financial activities (SOFA) and Consolidated balance sheet consolidate the financial statements of the Charity and its subsidiary undertaking. The results of the subsidiary are consolidated on a line by line basis.

The Charity has taken advantage of the exemption allowed under section 408 of the Companies Act 2006 and has not presented its own Statement of financial activities in these financial statements.

**1.2 Going concern**

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Fees payable to the Charity's auditor for the audit has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

**1.3 Charitable funds**

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Group and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Group for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

**1.4 Income**

All income is recognised once the Charity has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

**MILTON KEYNES CHRISTIAN CENTRE  
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022**

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**1 Accounting policies**

**(Continued)**

The recognition of income from legacies is dependent on establishing entitlement, the probability of receipt and the ability to estimate with sufficient accuracy the amount receivable. Evidence of entitlement to a legacy exists when the Charity has sufficient evidence that a gift has been left to them (through knowledge of the existence of a valid will and the death of the benefactor) and the executor is satisfied that the property in question will not be required to satisfy claims in the estate. Receipt of a legacy must be recognised when it is probable that it will be received and the fair value of the amount receivable, which will generally be the expected cash amount to be distributed to the Charity, can be reliably measured.

Grants are included in the Consolidated statement of financial activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Gifts in kind donated for distribution are included at valuation and recognised as income when they are distributed to the projects. Gifts donated for resale are included as income when they are sold.

Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

**1.5 Expenditure**

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, 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 classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

Expenditure on raising funds includes all expenditure incurred by the Group to raise funds for its charitable purposes and includes costs of all fundraising activities events and non-charitable trading.

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Group's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

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**1 Accounting policies**

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**1.6 Tangible fixed assets**

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

Tangible fixed assets are initially recognised at cost. After recognition, under the cost model, tangible fixed assets are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses. All costs incurred to bring a tangible fixed asset into its intended working condition should be included in the measurement of cost.

Depreciation is charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	2% / 10%
Office equipment	25%
Fixtures and fittings	20% / 25% / 33.3%
Motor vehicles	20%

**1.7 Stocks**

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

**1.8 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

**1.9 Financial instruments**

The Group only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

**1.10 Debtors**

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

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**1.11 Liabilities and provisions**

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Charity anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Consolidated statement of financial activities as a finance cost.

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**2 Income from donations and legacies**

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	1,063,456	157,412	1,220,868	874,941	125,602	1,000,543
Grants	-	-	-	-	33,728	33,728
	<u>1,063,456</u>	<u>157,412</u>	<u>1,220,868</u>	<u>874,941</u>	<u>159,330</u>	<u>1,034,271</u>
<b>Donations and gifts</b>						
Tithes and offerings	876,973	-	876,973	738,984	-	738,984
All in income	-	157,412	157,412	-	59,602	59,602
Mission giving	-	-	-	-	66,000	66,000
Gift Aid Received	186,483	-	186,483	135,957	-	135,957
	<u>1,063,456</u>	<u>157,412</u>	<u>1,220,868</u>	<u>874,941</u>	<u>125,602</u>	<u>1,000,543</u>

During the year, MKCC Limited (trading company of Milton Keynes Christian Centre), donated funds of £41,800 (2021: £17,923) to the Charity.

**Grants receivable for core activities**

Grants	-	-	-	-	33,728	33,728
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,728</u>	<u>33,728</u>

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**3 Income from Other trading activities**

	Income from Other trading activities 2022 £	Income from Other trading activities 2021 £
Other ministry income	24,911	9,714
Childcare income	809,487	688,775
Coffee shop and conferencing income	132,658	71,758
	<u>967,056</u>	<u>770,247</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	963,607	768,525
Restricted funds	3,449	1,722
	<u>967,056</u>	<u>770,247</u>

**4 Other income**

	Total Unrestricted funds 2022 £	2021 £
Furlough income	<u>-</u>	<u>78,142</u>

**5 Investment income**

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £
Rental income	74,366	73,384
Interest receivable	1,333	57
	<u>75,699</u>	<u>73,441</u>

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**6 Expenditure on raising funds**

**Fundraising trading expenses**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Fundraising trading expenses		
Charges against rental income	6,698	6,290
Trading costs	90,611	66,058
	<u>97,309</u>	<u>72,348</u>
Fundraising trading expenses		
Other trading expenses		
Trading profits gift aided to the charity	41,800	17,923
	<u>139,109</u>	<u>90,271</u>

**7 Charitable activities expenditure**

	<b>Amounts Reclassified</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Childcare costs	622,115	591,263
Ministry costs	752,388	655,396
Mission giving (** See below)	155,915	136,739
Governance costs	6,133	8,052
Property and administration	405,882	363,169
	<u>1,942,433</u>	<u>1,754,619</u>
	<u>1,942,433</u>	<u>1,754,619</u>
<b>Analysis by fund</b>		
Unrestricted funds	1,823,102	1,661,500
Restricted funds	119,331	93,119
	<u>1,942,433</u>	<u>1,754,619</u>

\*\* The amount above excludes a further £16,750 (2021: £13,750) of in-kind contribution to Missions as disclosed in Note 22

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**8 Auditor's remuneration**

<b>Fees payable to the Charity's auditor and associates:</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Audit of the Charity's annual accounts	5,100	5,100
	<u>5,100</u>	<u>5,100</u>

**9 Trustees' Remuneration And Expenses**

No trustee receives remuneration in respect of their role as Trustees. However, during the year, one or more Trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from their employment with the Charity

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Mark Sherratt	59,151	53,140
Fola Komolafe	49,350	43,120
John Keel	36,996	

During the year ended 31 December 2022, no Trustee expenses have been incurred (2021 - £NIL).

**10 Other expenditure**

	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>	<b>Unrestricted funds</b>
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Financing costs	4,588	5,495
	<u>4,588</u>	<u>5,495</u>

**11 Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on income and gains falling within section 505 of the Taxes Act 1988 or section 252 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 to the extent that these are applied to its charitable objects.

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**12 Tangible fixed assets**

**Group**

<i>Current financial year</i>	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and office equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 January 2022	3,808,145	305,648	14,750	4,128,543
Additions	21,913	28,506	-	50,419
Disposals	(14,561)	(23,555)	-	(38,116)
At 31 December 2022	3,815,497	310,599	14,750	4,140,846
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>				
At 1 January 2022	1,042,777	238,989	12,783	1,294,549
Depreciation charged in the year	106,106	26,981	1,967	135,054
Eliminated in respect of disposals	(8,728)	(23,555)	-	(32,283)
At 31 December 2022	1,140,155	242,415	14,750	1,397,320
<b>Carrying amount</b>				
At 31 December 2022	2,675,342	68,184	-	2,743,526
At 31 December 2021	2,765,368	64,787	1,967	2,833,994

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**12 Tangible fixed assets**

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**Charity**

<i>Current financial year</i>	Freehold land and buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and office equipment £	Motor vehicles £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
At 1 January 2022	3,808,145	300,631	14,750	4,123,526
Additions	21,913	28,509	-	50,422
Disposals	(14,561)	(23,555)	-	(38,116)
At 31 December 2022	3,815,497	305,585	14,750	4,135,832
<b>Depreciation and impairment</b>				
At 1 January 2022	1,042,777	235,868	12,783	1,291,428
Depreciation charged in the year	106,106	26,356	1,967	134,429
Eliminated in respect of disposals	(8,728)	(23,555)	-	(32,283)
At 31 December 2022	1,140,155	238,669	14,750	1,393,574
<b>Carrying amount</b>				
At 31 December 2022	2,675,342	66,916	-	2,742,258
At 31 December 2021	2,765,368	64,763	1,967	2,832,098

**14 Financial instruments**

	Group 2022 £	Group 2021 £	Charity 2022 £	Charity 2021 £
<b>Carrying amount of financial assets</b>				
Instruments measured at fair value through profit or loss	636,608	579,102	590,031	540,308

**15 Debtors**

	Group 2022 £	Group 2021 £	Charity 2022 £	Charity 2021 £
<b>Amounts falling due within one year:</b>				
Trade debtors	25,789	8,179	3,417	1,417
Amounts owed by fellow group undertakings	-	-	-	20,077
Other debtors	23,262	14,243	23,262	14,243
Prepayments and accrued income	8,446	7,002	8,142	6,446
	57,497	29,424	34,821	42,183

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**16 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year**

	<b>Group 2022 £</b>	<b>Group 2021 £</b>	<b>Charity 2022 £</b>	<b>Charity 2021 £</b>
Bank loans	-	23,719	-	23,719
Other taxation and social security	29,652	15,726	28,004	14,520
Trade creditors	48,120	29,413	41,096	29,026
Amount owed to associated undertaking	51,370	26,887	9,570	8,935
Other creditors	22,849	25,404	20,848	17,329
Accruals and deferred income	62,476	36,715	31,268	36,715
	<u>214,467</u>	<u>157,864</u>	<u>130,786</u>	<u>130,244</u>

**17 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year**

	<b>Group 2022 £</b>	<b>Group 2021 £</b>	<b>Charity 2022 £</b>	<b>Charity 2021 £</b>
Borrowings	-	256,908	-	256,908
	<u>-</u>	<u>256,908</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>256,908</u>

The loan was fully repaid during the year.

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**18 Restricted Funds**

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				Movement in funds				Balance at 31 December 2022
	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	
All In	208,388	59,602	(19,029)	(50,027)	198,934	159,134	(104,407)	(19,516)	234,145
Mission	-	66,000	(66,000)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Konnect	333	-	(333)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nursery	1,714	1,722	-	-	3,436	3,449	-	-	6,885
Sensory Suite	-	33,728	(7,757)	(112)	25,859	-	(14,924)	-	10,935
	<u>210,435</u>	<u>161,052</u>	<u>(93,119)</u>	<u>(50,139)</u>	<u>228,229</u>	<u>162,583</u>	<u>(119,331)</u>	<u>(19,516)</u>	<u>251,965</u>

All In - Each year we talk to our church family about specific ministry activities and offer an opportunity for individuals to pledge their financial support and partner with us as we seek to bring people to Jesus and equip them to be fully devoted followers of Christ.

Mission - Donations raised for, and passed to, LightForce International in support of their mission activities.

Konnect - Grant received to purchase sensory toys and equipment - funds were consumed in 2021.

Nursery- Grant funding able to be used for purchasing nursery toys and equipment or staff training.

Sensory suite - MK Community Foundation grant received to furnish and equip our Sensory Suite. The funds were received in August 2020 and consumed in December 2020.

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**19 Designated Funds**

The income funds of the charity include the following designated funds which have been set aside out of unrestricted funds by the trustees for specific purposes:

	Movement in funds				Movement in funds			
	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £	Balance at 1 January 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Transfers £
General Funds								
All funds	2,193,155	1,795,049	(1,757,266)	50,139	2,281,077	2,102,762	(1,966,799)	35,717
Fixed assets	518,442	-	-	-	518,442	-	-	-
	<u>2,711,597</u>	<u>1,795,049</u>	<u>(1,757,266)</u>	<u>50,139</u>	<u>2,799,519</u>	<u>2,102,762</u>	<u>(1,966,799)</u>	<u>35,717</u>
								<u>2,971,199</u>

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**20 Analysis of net assets between funds**

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
Fund balances at 31 December 2022 are represented by:						
Tangible assets	2,743,526	-	2,743,526	2,833,994	-	2,833,994
Current assets/(liabilities)	227,673	251,965	479,638	222,433	228,229	450,662
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	(256,908)	-	(256,908)
	<u>2,971,199</u>	<u>251,965</u>	<u>3,223,164</u>	<u>2,799,519</u>	<u>228,229</u>	<u>3,027,748</u>

**21 Operating lease commitments**

At 31 December 2022 the Group and the Charity had commitments to make future minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2022 £	2021 £
Within one year	<u>-</u>	<u>3,158</u>

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**22 Related party transactions**

The Trustees recognise that LightForce International, the missions arm of the church, is a related party. A Memorandum of Understanding exists between MKCC and LFI defining their relationship. LFI has a separate constitution and Trustee Body from that of MKCC. MKCC pioneered the work of LightForce International and the partnership between the two charities enable the church to effectively fulfil its mission whilst enriching the church in many ways.

George Ridley is a pastor (Minister of Religion) at MKCC and remunerated by MKCC. Mark Sherratt's appointment as senior pastor in 2001 has enabled MKCC to release more of George Ridley's time to develop the work of the overseas mission. The cost of remuneration to George Ridley borne by MKCC amounted to £53,177 (2021: £50,702). In addition, other donations were made to LFI amounting to £102,738 (2021: £86,037) and £16,750 (2021: £13,750) in kind, being the provision of office space. In total, £172,665 was given to overseas mission, including donations in kind.

The Trustees also recognised that Into the Community, is a related party. Some of the Trustees of Into the Community are also directors of MKCC.

MKCC passed donations given by church members to the Food Bank totalling £4,649 (2021: £5,097) and gifted a further £5,000 (2021: £5,000) in-kind, being the provision of space within our foyer to undertake their weekly serving sessions. MKCC also passed on weekly food donations collected on behalf of the Food Bank and arranged for the Food Bank to receive the Christmas hampers collected as part of their annual reverse advent appeal.

The principal contacts and addresses of LightForce International and Into the Community are:

MrG Ridley	Mr Ian Baird
LightForce International	Into the Community
Strudwick Drive	Strudwick Drive
Oldbrook	Oldbrook
Milton Keynes	Milton Keynes
MK6 2TG	MK62TG
www.lightforce.org.uk	www.mkfoodbank.org.uk

<b>23 Cash generated from operations</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Surplus for the year	195,416	(56,467)
Adjustments for:		
Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities	(75,699)	(73,441)
Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets	135,054	138,471
Movements in working capital:		
(Increase)/decrease in stocks	-	1,125
(Increase) in debtors	(28,073)	(3,340)
Increase in creditors	80,322	55,244
(Decrease) in deferred income	-	(60,144)
<b>Cash generated from operations</b>	<b>307,020</b>	<b>1,448</b>

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**24 Analysis of changes in net funds**

	At 1 January 2022 £	Cash flows £	At 31 December 2022 £
Cash at bank and in hand	579,102	57,506	636,608
Loans falling due within one year	(23,719)	23,719	-
Loans falling due after more than one year	(256,908)	256,908	-
	<u>298,475</u>	<u>338,133</u>	<u>636,608</u>