



## **Oromo Evangelical Church of London**

*C/o West Green Baptist Church, West Green Road, London N15 5AF*

### **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From: 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024**

**Charity name: OROMO EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF LONDON**

**Charity registration number: 1120061**

### **Objectives and Activities**

#### **1.1 Constitution**

The Oromo Evangelical Church of London adapted its current constitution on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2006. A slight amendment to the current constitution is under development to go in line with a change from Unincorporated Charity status to Incorporated Charity organisation status to be in place in the near future.

#### **1.2 Trustees**

Trustees are elected to their respective roles every two years by the members at the Annual General Meeting. They are comprised of the chair, deputy chair, secretary, treasurer and a member. The above-mentioned amendment will reflect on this and the number of trustees has now increased to 7 in total.

### **2. Objectives and activities**

#### **2.1 Charitable Purpose**

To worship the Lord our God and creator, preach and spread the Gospel in our own God-given Oromo language, Afaan Oromoo, and to provide holistic service to fellow Oromos and others.

#### **2.2 Summary of Activities**

**2.21 Conducting regular Sunday Worship programmes at our current address at Westgreen Baptist Church, Westgreen Road London N15 5AF.**

**2.22 Helping to instil Christ character in individuals, marriages and in families through regular, systematic Bible study prayer sessions.**

**2.23 Leading every person to put his/her faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord to love him with all their heart, soul, mind and strength.**



2.24 Helping each believer discern his/her place of ministry and assist him/her to exercise their spiritual gifts within the fellowship of our Church family.

2.25 Continued In-house and hands-on training sessions on the use of musical instruments such as the keyboard and handling of the projector for two servants of the Lord from among the volunteers.

### **3.0 ACHIEVMENTS & PERFORMANCE**

#### **3.1 Regular Sunday Worship and Spiritual Conferences**

The Church continued conducting regular Sunday worship programmes and children Sunday School sessions. It also delivered two successful Spiritual conferences - Easter Celebration with special prayerful remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ's crucifixion and resurrection and Christmas Celebration commemorating the birth of Our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ. The Church also hosted the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual convention and Council meeting of the Union of Oromo Evangelical Churches of Europe (OECE), in collaboration with the Board of the Union, from 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024. We invited guest preacher, evangelists and singers from across Europe and Oromia through whom God richly blessed our Church and every participant.

**3.2 Baptism:** None during this term.

#### **3.3 Faith Confirmation**

4 Adults – two male and 2 female successfully completed their faith confirmation classes and became communicant members of the congregation on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

#### **3.4 Holy matrimony**

A couple have made their vows and joined in holy matrimony as husband and wife at a wedding ceremony organised by the Church on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024 and were added to the family of the Lord in marriage.

#### **3.5 Special Prayer sessions**

Continued conducting fortnightly fasting and prayer sessions that started in September 2020, an intersession programme for the continued atrocities taking place back home in Oromia regional state, in northern Ethiopia and elsewhere. This has now changed into occasional sessions such as a consecutive Saturday evening sessions prior to the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Spiritual Conference of OECE, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> Aug 2024; putting the event in the hands of the Lord and for his guidance to deliver a successful event for his glory.

#### **3.6 Youth ministry**

Continued organised youth group Bible Study and prayer sessions that also take place every two weeks on Wednesday evenings. Church Youth has formally been organised and 3 coordinators were elected from among the youth on 13 November 2024 at a meeting chaired by the chair of the Trustees in the presence of all Elders Committee members and the youth. Members nominated 5



candidates and 3 were elected to their respective roles as a chair, secretary and a member of the coordinating team based on the number of votes casted at the Zoom meeting on the above-mentioned date.

### **3.7 Women ministry**

Women's group of the Church continued regular prayer meetings on Friday evenings during which time they organised visits to newly arrived Oromo refugees suffering from isolation and traumas they encountered during their long journey to reach the UK. Besides their other roles, the Women Group or mothers have been the backbone of the Church in organising fellowship sessions at Easter Celebration, Christmas and spiritual conferences.

### **3.8 Church Premises**

In its long journey of nearly 30 years of spiritual services, the Church has been a tenant at various host Churches and its major or main expense has been payment of rent for use of premises and hall hiring costs during special events such as spiritual conferences. With its limited resources, the congregation has a long vision and prayers in order to acquire its own premises. During this term, the congregation elected a Premises Acquisition Team, sought information to further the research conducted by a volunteer professional a few years ago, sought guidance from the charity commission for direction as to how to go about this and consulted contacted the Evangelical Alliance (affiliate institution) for source of professional assistance. It has been working with Edward Connors Solicitors who have been helping to change the status of the Church from unincorporated Charity organisation to incorporated charity organisation to have the right legal status to own a property, and are working with our assigned contact person from among senior members. This is currently in good process going in the right direction. To this end, members have made a commitment of a year long special donation which most have nearly completed to see our financial position towards this golden vision with the help of Lord God Almighty.

### **3.9 Special Events**

- a. Celebrated Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day decorated with cultural dresses and special speeches to address the roles of each (mums & dads) in a family life followed by fellowship and social time on both days of the year. Non-church members also invited to both sessions.
- b. Celebrated a thanks giving event at the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Langano Restaurant in Finsbury Park, North London, at the request of the owners, who are also communicant members of the Church. The owners graciously donated the income from the sale of the dinner at nominal prices, in support of the ongoing Church premises acquisition project. This event was held in the evening of 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024 after Church service.



- c. Special thanks giving sessions for a couple who had family reunion and bereavement sessions for 4 members who lost their loved ones, have also been organised after Church services during this term.

#### **10. Training for Lay minsters and Worship Leaders:**

A half day training session was organised and delivered on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2024 on ***"Effective Delivery of a Worship Program and preparation for sermon/preaching"*** session. Rev Fekadu Begna, Associate Secretary of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus (who was a guest speaker at the Annual Convention a week earlier) shared with the participants, his in-depth experience and knowledge on the subject.

#### **11. Day Trip /Retreat/**

Organised a retreat session at seaside in which members of the Church and community members benefited from the joy of the social time, sharing the Word of God, singing with the Choir and sharing meal together at Margate seaside.

The trustees kept their promise and made up to members, especially the youth, who were disappointed at the cancellation of the last summer day trip. The question answer session in the big coach and the minibus, singing, sharing meal together at the beach, small group activities including swimming, football for the youth; while elders and women groups were chatting at group coffee, moms and kids were enjoying play session at the diverse playgrounds of the Seaside. The day-trip organised on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024 was full of unforgettable joy, reflection and entertainment.

#### **4.0 PUBLIC BENEFIT**

The above activities provide significant public benefit in line with the guidance from the Charities Commission as also described in the objects of the Church's constitution. Services are open to all who originally come from East Africa and speak Oromo Language.

Providing regular Sunday worship and day trips in the summer.

Teaching Christian faith through sermons, workshops and small group Bible study sessions as well as Sunday school lessons for the children.

#### **5.0 FINANCIAL REVIEW**

The total income for the period was £74,546 and the total expenditure for the period was £34,330 and the surplus for the period was £40,216. The main source of funding for the Church is from the regular donations of its members and collections at various services during the year.

The main outgoing for this financial period is for the rent for the regular Sunday services and hall hiring for special events and the Spiritual conference held on 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> August 2024.



The church aims to reclaim Gift Aid in the upcoming financial year. Therefore, the church is expecting some additional income in the next financial year, which is owing from HMRC for this year's giving.

## 6.0 RESERVES POLICY

The church's reserves policy is to maintain sufficient free reserves to enable it to meet its short-term financial obligations in the event of an unexpected revenue shortfall to allow the church to be managed efficiently and to provide a buffer to ensure continuity of the activities of the Church.

Approved by the Trustees on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Eyasu Buba – Ex Chair of Trustees





CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on  
the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/  
members of

Charity Name  
Oromo Evangelical Church of London

On accounts for the year  
ended

31 December 2024

Charity no  
(if any)

1120061

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(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

Responsibilities and basis  
of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Oromo Evangelical Church of London for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024, charity number 1120061.

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

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's  
statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were kept all in hardcopy and not yet digitalized which make the bookkeeping process challenging. It is recommended to digitalize the bookkeeping process in future.

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

Signed:

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> Oct 2025

Name:

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qualification(s) or body (if  
any):

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Section B

Disclosure

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here details of any  
items that the examiner  
wishes to disclose.



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**Charity No. 1120061**

**Statement of Financial Activities for the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

		Notes	2024 Funds £	2023 Funds £
<b>Incoming Resources:</b>				
Charitable activities	188,5	2	44,137	24,505
Restricted fund	188,5	2	28,360	
Investment Income	437,5	3	2,049	1,375
<b>Total Income Resources</b>	188,5		<b>74,546</b>	<b>25,880</b>
<b>Resource Expended:</b>				
Direct Charitable Activities	118,1	4	34,330	10,890
<b>Total Resource Expended:</b>	118,1		<b>34,330</b>	<b>10,890</b>
<b>Net Income:</b>			<b>40,216</b>	<b>14,990</b>
<b>Total Funds Brought Forward:</b>				
At 01 January 2024			131,521	116,531
<b>Total Funds Carried Forward:</b>				
At 31 December 2024		9	<b>171,738</b>	<b>131,521</b>



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**Balance Sheet as at 31st December 2024**

		Notes	2024 Funds £	2023 Funds £
<b>Fixed Assets:</b>				
Tangible Assets	6		2,331	1,311
			<u>2,331</u>	<u>1,311</u>
<b>Current Assets:</b>				
Debtors	7		2,740	2,754
Cash at bank and in hand	10		169,843	128,767
			<u>172,583</u>	<u>131,521</u>
<b>Creditors</b>				
Amounts falling due within one year	8		3,176	1,311
<b>Net Assets</b>			<u>171,737</u>	<u>131,521</u>
<b>Funds:</b>				
Unrestricted funds	9		143,378	131,521
Restricted funds			<u>28,360</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Total Funds</b>			<u>171,737</u>	<u>131,521</u>



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**Notes to the Financial Statement (SOFA) Continued**  
**For the Year Ended 31 December 2024**

**2 Donations:**

2024	2023
£	£
Tith and offerings	21,751
Gift Aid	2,754
Restricted fund (BMW)	-
Fundraising for special cause	-
<b>72,497</b>	<b>24,505</b>

**3 Investment Income:**

2024	2023
£	£
Bank Interest income	1,375

**4 Charitable Activities:**

**Direct Charitable Activities**

2024	2023
£	£
Rent and Hall hire	7,095
Volunteers & Visiting Preachers	324
Indemnity insurance cost	-
Spiritual Conference	3,279
Consultancy fee	-
Other Ministry Expenditure	-
Membership fee	-
Equipment & Fixtures	-
Depretiation	191
<b>34,330</b>	<b>10,890</b>

**6 Tangible Fixed Asset:**

2024	2023
£	£
<b>COST:</b>	
At 31 December 2024	7,405
Depretiation	5,903
Charge for the year	191
<b>6,266</b>	<b>6,094</b>
<b>Addition:</b>	
Musical equipment	1,192
<b>NET BOOK VALUE:</b>	
At 31 December 2024	2,331
At 31 December 2023	1,311



**Restricted Funds**  
**Unrestricted Funds**  
**Total Funds**