

THE LIFE CHURCH – MAIDSTONE
TRUSTEES REPORT AND INDEPENDENT
EXAMINER'S STATEMENT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 March 2022

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year to 31 March 2022

Objects of the Charity

The Trust seeks to demonstrate the Christian faith in action by advancing the Christian faith, relieving sickness and financial hardship and promoting and preserving good health, and advancing education, in all such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

Government

The policy and operating decision of the charity rest with the Trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the Charity.

Objectives and activities

The Life Church is a gathering of people who are committed to love and care for each other and the community they live in, as was taught by Jesus Christ, believing that lives can be changed and bettered by Godly and Biblical principles.

The church employed Mr. Christopher Eke as full-time minister of the church from 1st April 2021. He serves the church together with Mr. David Thompson (accredited Assemblies of God minister). Mr. Garry Shoenbrook also served the church as a Trustee and Leader until 24th August 2021 when he resigned for personal reasons. Pastor Eke was registered as a Trustee, in accordance with our Constitution, as from 1st February 2022. The Charity Commission were advised and accepted the appointment.

After the Government restrictions were lifted, the Trustees deemed it safe to meet for meetings at the church on Sunday mornings as from 23rd May 2021 but with face masks worn, hands cleaned, space awareness and a register kept of all who attended. The service was also available by Zoom and YouTube. As a result of the popularity of linking in to our services, new equipment was purchased and, a year later, we are still producing a good quality link to our services.

Midweek services were continued by Zoom until September 2021 when we were able to carefully meet for prayer, Bible studies, and the Little Sparkles Club for babies and toddlers and their parents/carers. We also held an Alpha Course from October to December. The building is used twice each week by Alcoholic Anonymous.

The church is affiliated to Assemblies of God and Evangelical Alliance organisations and we regularly support other charities: Starfish Malawi, the Salvation Army food bank, and Emmanuel Press.

The building is generally kept in good order. However Storms Eunice and Franklin caused damage to the roof and a window and it is now realised that the whole roof of the main church hall must be replaced. Meanwhile temporary repairs have been made. Estimates are being obtained for the repairs and replacements. A fund is kept for building upkeep and the funds obtained from the sale of the Manna Christian Fellowship manse in 2018 can be used.

As from October 2021 the vacant shop area is used by the church to sell handmade craft items for charity. It is open for only 6 hours each week at present.

Achievements and performance

The congregation has doubled in size since May 2021 and we are grateful to Pastor Chris Eke for his input and commitment to God and the church. It is seen that we need a Youth/Children's worker to assist him and the post has been advertised.

Income has grown and members can donate by BACS, cash, cheques or card reader.

Approved by the Trustees of The Life Church :



Independent Examiner's report

Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts and they consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

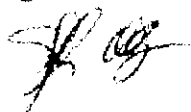
In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Date: 8th June 2022

Signed:



Stephen Hendy

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources					
Incoming resources from generated funds					
Voluntary income	56,568	480	—	57,048	34,876
Activities for generating funds	940	1,581	—	2,521	738
Incoming resources from charitable activities	69	—	—	69	—
Other incoming resources	8,134	—	—	8,134	7,557
Total income	65,712	2,061	—	67,774	43,171
Resources used					
Cost of generating funds	4,161	—	—	4,161	1,818
Cost of generating voluntary income	6,807	480	—	7,287	12,550
Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs	—	1,182	—	1,182	—
Charitable activities	4,630	—	—	4,630	8,009
Governance costs	52,603	—	—	52,603	19,254
Other resources used	—	—	—	—	—
Total expenditure	68,202	1,662	—	69,864	41,630
Gains / losses on investment assets	—	—	—	—	—
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(2,489)	399	—	(2,090)	1,540
Transfers					
Gross transfers between funds - in	—	—	—	—	—
Gross transfers between funds - out	—	—	—	—	—
Other recognised gains / losses					
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	—	—	—	—	—
Net movement in funds	(2,489)	399	—	(2,090)	1,540
Total funds brought forward	150,366	—	—	150,366	148,825
Total funds carried forward	147,876	399	—	148,276	150,366
Represented by					
Unrestricted					
General fund	66,674	—	—	66,674	65,897
Pastor	—	—	—	—	—
Designated					
Charity Cards	153	—	—	153	185
Little Sparkles Mother/Toddler group	276	—	—	276	151
Starfish Malawi Ministry	—	—	—	—	—
TLC Building fund	79,042	—	—	79,042	82,402
Visiting Ministry	1,729	—	—	1,729	1,729
YOUTH	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted					
Cafe Refurb	—	—	—	—	—
Gifts for persons, etc.	—	—	—	—	—
King's Storehouse	—	—	—	—	—
Lifelines Contact	—	—	—	—	—
Options Pregnancy/PostAbortion Support	—	—	—	—	—
Philippines	—	—	—	—	—
Shop deposit	—	—	—	—	—
Tender Loving Craft	—	399	—	399	—
Weekend Away	—	—	—	—	—
Women's Refuge	—	—	—	—	—
YOUTH	—	—	—	—	—

Balance sheet

	Total funds	Prior year funds
Current assets		
Investments	5,000	—
Cash at bank and in hand	143,276	150,366
	148,276	150,366
Net current assets less current liabilities	148,276	150,366
Total assets less current liabilities	148,276	150,366
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Designated		
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Starfish Malawi Ministry	—	—
YOUTH	—	—
TLC Building fund	79,042	82,402
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King's Storehouse	—	—
Cafe Refurb	—	—
Weekend Away	—	—
Lifelines Contact	—	—
Shop deposit	—	—
Tender Loving Craft	399	—
Women's Refuge	—	—
YOUTH	—	—
Options Pregnancy/PostAbortion Support	—	—
Gifts for persons, etc.	—	—
Philippines	—	—
Funds of the church	148,276	150,366

Fund movement by type

		Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/losses	Closing
Cards - Charity Cards							
Designated		185	29	61	—	—	153
Sub-total for Cards		185	29	61	—	—	153
KingStore - King's Storehouse							
Restricted		—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for KingStore		—	—	—	—	—	—
LifeCont - Lifelines Contact							
Restricted		—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for LifeCont		—	—	—	—	—	—
LitSpark - Little Sparkles Moth							
Designated		151	659	534	—	—	276
Sub-total for LitSpark		151	659	534	—	—	276
Ministry - Visiting Ministry							
Designated		1,729	—	—	—	—	1,729
Sub-total for Ministry		1,729	—	—	—	—	1,729
Shop - Shop deposit							
Restricted		—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Shop		—	—	—	—	—	—
Starfish - Starfish Malawi Mini							
Designated		—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Starfish		—	—	—	—	—	—
TLCraft - Tender Loving Craft							
Restricted		—	1,581	1,182	—	—	399
Sub-total for TLCraft		—	1,581	1,182	—	—	399
WRefuge - Women's Refuge							
Restricted		—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for WRefuge		—	—	—	—	—	—
Youth - YOUTH							
Designated		—	—	—	—	—	—
Restricted		—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Youth		—	—	—	—	—	—
General - General fund							
Unrestricted		65,897	64,083	63,305	—	—	66,674
Sub-total for General		65,897	64,083	63,305	—	—	66,674
Build - TLC Building fund							
Designated		82,402	940	4,300	—	—	79,042
Sub-total for Build		82,402	940	4,300	—	—	79,042
Pastor - Pastor							
Unrestricted		—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Pastor		—	—	—	—	—	—
Options - Options Pregnancy/Po							
Restricted		—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Options		—	—	—	—	—	—
Gifts - Gifts for persons, o							
Restricted		—	480	480	—	—	—
Sub-total for Gifts		—	480	480	—	—	—
Phillipps - Philippines							
Restricted		—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Phillipps		—	—	—	—	—	—
Cafe - Cafe Refurb							
Restricted		—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Cafe		—	—	—	—	—	—
Wkend - Weekend Away							
Restricted		—	—	—	—	—	—
Sub-total for Wkend		—	—	—	—	—	—
Grand total		150,366	67,774	69,854	—	—	148,276

Analysis of income and expenditure

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS						
Incoming resources from generated funds - Voluntary income						
Offerings	27,075	—	—	—	27,075	12,935
Gift aids	22,550	—	—	—	22,550	21,891
Gifts	—	—	480	—	480	50
Little Sparkles	—	659	—	—	659	—
Lifelines Contact	—	—	—	—	—	—
Equipped Academy	—	—	—	—	—	—
King's Store	—	—	—	—	—	—
Youth Ministry	—	—	—	—	—	—
Small Donations	6,283	—	—	—	6,283	—
Women's Refuge	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hall renovation	—	—	—	—	—	—
JoJo Cross - Intern	—	—	—	—	—	—
Starfish Malawi ministry	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gifts - bequeathed	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	55,909	659	480	—	57,048	34,876
Incoming resources from generated funds - Activities for generating funds						
Venue receipts	—	940	—	—	940	590
Essence Youth income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cards sold for charity	—	—	—	—	—	148
Cafe Zest income	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tender Loving Craft	—	—	1,581	—	1,581	—
Total	—	940	1,581	—	2,521	738
Incoming resources from charitable activities						
Event receipts	69	—	—	—	69	—
Saintly Slimmers	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thailand Trip	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	69	—	—	—	69	—
Other incoming resources						
Sundry receipts	8,104	29	—	—	8,134	7,557
Options Receipts	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kings Walk	—	—	—	—	—	—
Elmcroft	—	—	—	—	—	—
Loan	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	8,104	29	—	—	8,134	7,557
INCOME TOTAL	64,083	1,629	2,061	—	67,774	43,171

EXPENDITURE

Cost of generating funds

General Expenses	1,256	—	—	—	1,256	273
Options expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stationery & printing	1,692	—	—	—	1,692	1,542
Pastor expenses	1,212	—	—	—	1,212	—
Cafe general expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cafe banking	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cafe food	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cafe Refurb expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	4,161	—	—	—	4,161	1,816

Cost of generating funds - Cost of generating voluntary income

Ministry and Gifts	6,807	—	480	—	7,287	12,550
Total	6,807	—	480	—	7,287	12,550

Cost of generating funds - Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs

Tender Loving Craft	—	—	1,182	—	1,182	—
Total	—	—	1,182	—	1,182	—

Charitable activities

Youth expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
Church events	840	—	—	—	840	—
Sundry expense	1,135	1,649	—	—	2,784	7,861
Sparkles baby group	—	534	—	—	534	114
Childrens ministry	380	—	—	—	380	34
Hospitality	28	—	—	—	28	—
Alpha	—	—	—	—	—	—
Saintly Slimmers	—	—	—	—	—	—
JoJo Cross - Intern	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kings Store hamper goods	—	—	—	—	—	—
Youth Ministry	—	—	—	—	—	—
Starfish Malawi expenses	—	61	—	—	61	—
Women's Refuge	—	—	—	—	—	—
Thailand expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cafe gifts to Starfish Malawi	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	2,384	2,245	—	—	4,630	8,009

Governance costs

Salaries Church	20,445	—	—	—	20,445	2,240
Electricity Gas	2,374	—	—	—	2,374	2,568
Water Waste	989	—	—	—	989	376
Insurances Licences	6,957	—	—	—	6,957	7,311
Telephones Internet	2,684	—	—	—	2,684	1,432
Contact expenses	—	—	—	—	—	—
Manse Kings Walk	—	—	—	—	—	—
Building expenses	—	2,651	—	—	2,651	5,326
Accommodation for Pastor	16,500	—	—	—	16,500	—
Cafe salaries	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cafe closure redundancies	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bank charges	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	49,952	2,651	—	—	52,603	19,254

Other resources used

Loan	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	—	—	—	—	—	—

EXPENDITURE TOTAL	63,305	4,896	1,662	—	69,864	41,630
GRAND TOTAL	777	(3,267)	399	—	(2,090)	1,540