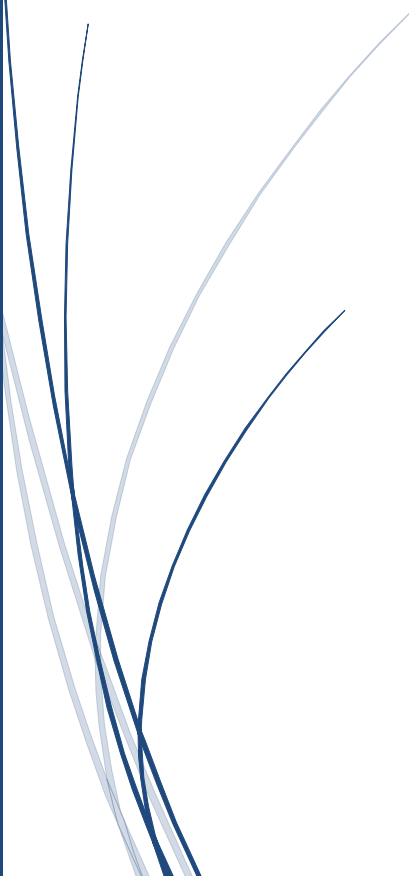


CHARITY NO: 1123377

EMPOWERMENT MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023



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EMPOWERMENT MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL
CHURCH LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2022

CHARITY NO NUMBER: **1123377 (England and Wales)**

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EMPOWERMENT MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL
REPORTS OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Trustees present their report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023. The Trustees confirm that the Annual report and financial statements of the Charity comply with the current statutory requirements, the requirements of the Charity'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 (FRS 102) (as amended for accounting periods commencing from 1 January 2016)

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The management of the church is the responsibility of the Trustees who are elected and co-opted under the terms of the Trust deed.

Governing Document

The Church is an unincorporated charity, and her governing document consists of a charitable trust deed registered with the Charity Commission. The church was launched on 9th September 2007 and was registered with the Charity Commission March 2008

Appointment of trustees

Trustees are nominated by the chair. In appointing trustees, consideration is given to individuals who have adequate experience in running organized youth groups, training and education and community outreach.

Policies Adopted for the Induction and Training of Trustees

The induction process for any newly appointed member of the Trustees comprises an initial meeting with the Chair and other Trustees, followed by a series of short meetings with the chairman on the powers and responsibilities of the Trustees.

Organisational Structure and Decision Making

The church is organised so that the trustees meet monthly to manage its affairs. The Chairman manages the day-to-day administration of the church with the assistance of volunteered church members.

At monthly Trustee meetings, agreement is made by the Trustees on the strategy and activities of the charity which includes charitable donations, investments, reserves and risk management policies and performance.

Pastor Ndubueze Echanah is the senior pastor and Chairman of the church's board of trustee and the leadership team supports him in the vision of the church.

Risk Management

The Trustees have assessed the major risks to which the church is exposed, most especially, those relating to the operations and finances of the church and are satisfied that effective and adequate systems and procedures are in place to mitigate our exposure to the major risks.

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REPORTS OF THE TRUSTEES (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Objectives and Activities

The main object of the charity is advancing the Christian faith worldwide in accordance with the doctrines set out in the statement of faith.

Strategies for Achieving Objectives

The following strategies were adopted by the church to achieve her objectives.

1. Promoting the gospel of Jesus Christ through conferences and weekly church services.
2. Organisation of monthly seminars in the church to guide members in the various aspects of the Christian faith.
3. Monthly workers training/seminar
4. Support various Christian events.

Activities for Achieving These Objectives

1. Conferences & Events
2. Various missionary activities
3. Community outreach events
4. Provision of welfare support to members
5. Organizing youth conferences and meetings
6. TV Broadcasting Programs

Public Benefits

The under-listed were the charity's proposed activity for the year.

1. Singles Breakfast Seminar
2. Marriage Enrichment Seminar
3. Mother's Day Celebration. An extraordinary colourful event to celebrate the role of mothers in the society and reaching out to the motherless within our locality.
4. Easter Fun fair. To celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus as a significant of the liberty we have as Christians in a happy world.
5. Father's Day. Another extraordinary event to celebrate the fathers among us and to encourage future fathers on the importance of a father in a home.
6. Monthly birthday celebration of members whereby people born of that month, collectively cut a birthday cake, and are prayed for by the congregation.
7. Business Empowerment Conference.
8. Christmas Party

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Achievements and Performance 2022

As a tradition, the activity for the year started off with powerfully with a 21days Prayer & Fasting to set the tone for what God was set to do in 2023. The church themed 2023 as THE YEAR NO MORE LIMITS.

Church Activities Throughout the Year:

- **Finding Financial Freedom Course** – A series designed to help members achieve financial independence through training sessions held on three Saturdays (2.5 - 3 hours each, in-person) on 28th Jan, 4th Feb, and 18th Feb 2023.
- **Valentine's Night Out Dinner for Singles** – Hosted by Pastors Ndu & Bola on Tuesday, 14th Feb.
- **Success Summit** – An online summit conducted via Zoom on Saturday, 20th May, and Sunday, 21st May 2023, with guest speaker Pastor Smart Kemiki and Pastor Ndu.
- **Empowerment Women's Summit: "Uncover"** – A special event for women held on 22nd July 2023, featuring guest speaker Pastor Edosa Obunge.
- **Workers' Retreat: "Built to Last"** – A one-day residential retreat focused on equipping church workers and sharing the church's vision, held on 28th-29th July 2023.
- **Community Outreach: 1,000 Free Drinks Distribution** – On Saturday, 26th August 2023, free drinks were distributed to community members.
- **Emphasis on Evangelism** – With over 100 new attendees joining the church's plant since its start in October 2022, the church has placed a strong focus on outreach and evangelism.
- **New Members Orientation** – The church held two sessions to welcome and integrate new members interested in joining the church community.
- **Empowerment Church Southend 1st Year Anniversary & Thanksgiving** – Celebrated in October 2023.
- **Marriage Enrichment Dinner Night** – An evening dedicated to couples, held on Saturday, 2nd Dec 2023.
- **Christmas Hampers for Children** – Distributed to children at Southend Hospital during Christmas.

The Vision of the church is Empowering Agents of transformation...Fulfilling Purpose, During the year, the church continued its vision of growing the churches membership, developing the member's spiritual life through the Empowerment Academy School, which runs to help build members for effective living and community impact.

Financial review

Reserves Policy

It is the policy of the Charity to maintain unrestricted funds, which are the reserves of the charity at about 3 months of unrestricted expenditure. This provides enough funds to cover any emergency expenditures that may arise from time to time. The charity will seek to maintain this level throughout the year. However, the Trustees regularly review the reserves position of the church in accordance with their commitments and anticipations.

Investment Policy

The trustees have decided that at present, funds should be retained in an interest-bearing account in Banks and Building Societies. The trustees will agree for any change to this policy when needed.

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REPORTS OF THE TRUSTEES (continued) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Financial performance

For the year ended 31 December 2023, the church's total incoming resources is £35,523. The charity continued to be funded through voluntary tithes, donations, offerings and gift aids by church members. The Charity's total church fund as of date is £25,877. The balance of the accumulated surplus of unrestricted funds is held for further anticipated calls on the resources of the Charity.

Plans for future periods.

The church plan is to continue to sustain the church membership and increase activities in helping the needy and from time to time organize social activities for the youths in the local community.

The charity's plan to purchase its own property is progressing.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that year. In preparing these financial statements the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF BOARD BY:

Pastor Ndu Echanah

Trustee

Date: 30/10/2024

EMPOWERMENT MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

		<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
		<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Notes</u>		<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Incoming resources from generating funds:					
Voluntary Income	2	-	35,523	35,523	48,046
Total incoming resources			35,523	35,523	48,046
Resources Expended					
Payments in Furtherance of charitable objectives					
Charitable activities	3	-	49,897	49,897	41,643
Governance costs	4		-	-	-
Total resources expended			49,897	49,897	41,643
Net incoming resources/(net outgoing resources)					
before transfers between funds			(14,373.6)	(14,373.6)	6,403
Transfer between funds		0	-	-	-
Other recognise gains and losses			-	-	-
Net movement in funds		0	(14,373.6)	(14,373.6)	6,403

EMPOWERMENT MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL
BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

		2023		2022	
<u>FIXED ASSETS</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Tangible assets			547		1,138
 <u>CURRENT ASSETS</u>					
Cash at Bank and Hand		25,330		39,704	
Debtors					
		<u>25,330</u>		<u>39,704</u>	
Creditors: amount falling due within one year					
		<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>	
 Net current assets			25,330		39,704
 Net assets			25,877		40,842
 <u>FUNDS OF THE CHURCH</u>					
Unrestricted income funds			19,857		34,822
Restricted funds			6,020		6,020
 TOTAL FUNDS			25,877		40,842

EMPOWERMENT MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

1. Accounting policies

The accounting policies have been applied consistently throughout the year and the preceding year.

a. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities' (SORP 2015) and the Charities Act 2011.

b. Incoming resources

Income resources have been clearly broken down to show the various sources of funds for the charity. The unrestricted income consists of funds the charity has discretionary control as regards its disbursement. Please note that all incoming resources are only accounted for in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

Voluntary income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in full in the statement of financial activities when it is receivable while donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified. The value of services provided by volunteers has not been included.

Gifts donated for resale are included as incoming resources within activities for generating funds when they are sold.

c. Resources expended.

Resources expended shows the governance cost and money spent on charitable activities. Expenditure is recognised on accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure could be VAT inclusive if it cannot be fully recovered, and it is reported as part of the expenditure to which it relates.

Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the delivery of its activities and services for its beneficiaries. It includes both costs that can be allocated directly to such activities and those costs of an indirect nature necessary to support them.

2. a Voluntary income

	<u>Unrestricted</u> <u>Funds</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Total</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Total</u> <u>£</u>
Church Offering and Tithe	35,523	35,523	29,754
Gift Aid		-	18,292
	<u>35,523</u>	<u>35,523</u>	<u>48,046</u>

3. Cost of Charitable Activities

	<u>Activities</u> <u>Undertaken</u> <u>directly</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2023</u> <u>Total</u> <u>£</u>	<u>2022</u> <u>Total</u> <u>£</u>
Empowerment Min.	49,897	49,897	41,643
	<u>49,897</u>	<u>49,897</u>	<u>41,643</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continues) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

4.

Tangible Fixed Assets

Equipments

£

Cost

At 1 January 2023	3,942.45
Addition	0.00
As at 31 December 2023	3,942.45

Depreciation @15%

At 1 January 2023	2,804.08
Charge for the year	591.37
	3,395.44

NET BOOK VALUE

As at 31 December 2023	547.01
As at 31 December 2022	1,138.38

EMPOWERMENT MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 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.

Independent examiner's statement

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

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

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Acthave not been met; or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Independent examiner

Light Accountants Ltd
31/10/2024

EMPOWERMENT MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL
SCHEDULE OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

RECEIPTS:	£	£	£
Incoming Resources:			
Offering and Tithe			18,346
Tithe			17,177
Total receipts			35,523
CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES:			
Grants			
Charitable projects	13,447		
		13,447	
Church management and administration			
Church - Hall rental	7,558		
Software	864		
Motor and Travelling Expenses	1,470		
Music Ministers / Instrumentalist Fees	11,033		
Church Conference and Office Expenses	7,267		
Equipment Expense	1,537		
Telephone, Fax and Internet Services	1,888		
Depreciation	591		
Printing, Postage & stationery	2,407		
Advert	1,834		
Total Expenditure		36,450	
TOTAL CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES EXPENDITURE			49,897
Governance Cost			
Professional and Accountancy fees	-		
Bank Charges	-		
Legal and Consultancy fees	-	-	
TOTAL GOVERNANCE COSTS		-	
TOTAL PAYMENTS			49,897
Excess of receipts over payments		-	14,374
Bank current and deposit accounts at 01/01/2023			39,704
Bank current and deposits accounts at 31/12/2023			25,330