

Trustees' Annual Report

Pentecostal Evangelic Church United by Christ Charity Registration Number: 1124904 For the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2023

Objectives and Activities

The primary purpose of Pentecostal Evangelic Church United by Christ is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with Pentecostal beliefs. The charity fulfils this objective by organizing regular worship services, prayer meetings, Bible studies, and community outreach programs. It also provides spiritual guidance, pastoral care, and social support to members of the local community.

All activities are designed to promote spiritual growth, foster social cohesion, and provide relief and support to individuals and families in need.

Achievements and Performance

During the last financial year:

The church conducted regular weekly services and outreach activities, which were attended by community members and supported by a team of 50 dedicated volunteers.

Through the tireless efforts of our congregation and the generosity of donors, the church organised collection and distribution of clothing items aimed at supporting communities in need across several countries in Africa. These efforts were coordinated with local partners to ensure that the clothes were distributed equitably and effectively to individuals and families facing hardships. The initiative not only provided practical assistance but also reinforced our commitment to global outreach and solidarity.

Promoting Exchange Conferences for Youth

Recognising the value of cultural exchange in fostering understanding and unity, the church has actively supported exchange conferences that enable young people to travel to Europe. These conferences provided opportunities for participants to learn about diverse cultures, share their faith, and engage in meaningful dialogue about the importance of unity and collaboration in today's interconnected world. The feedback from participants has been overwhelmingly positive, with many reporting transformative experiences that deepened their sense of community and purpose.

Community Work and Family Outreach

Locally, the church has expanded its efforts to address the needs of low-income families and individuals in our community. Through a combination of counselling services, and community events, we have been able to provide much-needed support to those facing economic challenges. Our volunteers have also engaged in home visits, offering care and assistance to families in need, further emphasising the importance of connection and compassion in our ministry.

These initiatives reflect the core values of our church, as we strive to be a beacon of hope and a source of positive change both at home and abroad. We remain committed to continuing these efforts in the coming year and welcome the participation of all members of our congregation in these meaningful endeavours.

Despite financial challenges, the charity maintained its core activities, demonstrating resilience and commitment to its mission.

- Pastoral care and counselling services continued to meet the needs of individuals and families within the local community.

Financial Review

The charity's income for this financial year was £33,195 while expenditure totalled £32,944, resulting in a small positive net position of £251. The final position of £251 positive meant that the charity was just over break-even and in order to ensure sustainability the trustees implemented comprehensive financial planning and internal controls with periodic reviews.

No income was received from public fundraising, government contracts, or grants. The charity operates solely on donations and contributions from its members and supporters.

The total spent on volunteer expenses was of £12,925. None of the volunteers or trustees received salaries exceeding £60,000.

Governance and Financial Controls

The trustees have ensured that the charity is governed in accordance with its constitution and the requirements of the Charities Act 2011. Internal financial controls were reviewed during the year to maintain accountability and transparency in managing the charity's resources.

Trustees and Volunteers

The charity is managed by a dedicated board of trustees, who have provided their services voluntarily. Some trustees received expenses reimbursement for providing specialist services to the charity, in line with its policies and legal requirements.

The charity relies on the support of twelve permanent volunteers and several others that provide sporadic help who collectively have contributed their time and effort to its activities, demonstrating their commitment to the mission of the organisation.

Future Plans

The trustees aim to:

1. Continue to spread the gospel
2. Strengthen financial sustainability by exploring additional funding sources.
3. Provide continued practical support to the local community in line with their needs with emphasis to low-income families
4. Expand youth work and focus on mentorship for young adults starting university, starting their careers and starting families
5. Establish partnerships with local communities to fight knife crime and crime committed by young people in general

6. Expand outreach programs to benefit a larger section of the community.

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved this annual report and confirm that the information provided is accurate and complete.

Signed on behalf of the board of trustees:

Name: Andre Mauricio

Date: 21 January 2025