

GOMER FAITH MINISTRIES

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
31 December 2020

**GOMER FAITH MINISTRIES
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2019**

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**GOMER FAITH MINISTRIES
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

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GOMER FAITH MINISTRIES REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

The Trustees of Gomer Faith Ministries hereby submit their Report, together with the Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ending 31st December 20. The financial statements have been prepared on the accounting policies as set out in note 1, and comply with the Charity's Trust Deed Applicable Law and the requirements of the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting by Charities."

Structure, Governance and Management

Governing Document

Gomer Faith Ministries is a non-denominational Church, which was registered as a charity on 25th June 2009. It is governed by a Declaration of Trust, sealed on the 2nd November 2007 and operates in accordance with its Constitution.

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

Recruitment and Appointment of Trustees

New trustees are appointed by the Elders of the Church or the Trustees.

A minimum of three trustees are required by the Declaration of Trust unless one of the trustees is a trust corporation. Trustees are appointed or removed by a majority vote of all trustees present.

Trustee Induction and Training

The trustees are already familiar with the practical work of the Charity having been involved in other capacities or because of experience gained in their own churches or organisations.

New trustees are provided with a copy of the Declaration of Trust and the Constitution, together with the latest report and accounts. They are expected to attend appropriate seminars, meetings and conferences held throughout the year.

Organisational Structure

At meetings, the Trustees agree the broad strategy and areas of activity for the Charity, including consideration of grant making applications, investment, reserves and risk management policies and performance.

The Charity consists of Gomer Faith Ministries. The overseer of the Charity is Pastor Michael A Lewis who is also a Trustee. The day to day administration of the Charity is delegated to the Pastor and the Administrator. The trustees wish to express their sincere appreciation and thanks to all volunteers and supporters for their dedication and hard work.

Risk Management

The trustees have continued to assess the major risks to which the Charity is exposed, in particular those related to the operations and finances of the Charity. The trustees are satisfied that adequate systems are in place to mitigate exposure to major risks. In addition, a Covid-19 Risk Assessment has been created for its member's safety and according to government guideline requirement.

Objectives of the Charity

The objectives of Gomer Faith Ministries are to promote the Kingdom of God through Christian faith and values; and to assist individuals and families to live effective and successful lives. Our values are entrenched in our very clear mission to restore families and change lives. We aim to achieve this goal through weekly sermons and teachings, which are held on Sunday mornings in conjunction with weekly Bible Study and Prayer Meetings. Other ministry groups have been created to specifically target the needs of our growing congregation. These groups include Toddlers aged 2-4 years, Sunday school for children aged 4-9 years, Junior Ministry for ages 9-14 years and Youth Ministry for young people aged 15-18 years.

For new converts we offer specially designed classes called Milk to Meat. We also have both a Women's and Men's Ministry which aims to provide a support network for spiritual growth. There are topical seminars to address matters such as core family values also held throughout the year. There is a well established annual Family Focus conference with invited speakers of distinction.

Review of Activities

The Trustees, Elders and Members of Gomer Faith Ministries are committed to, 'restoring families and changing lives.' One of the ways that the ministry reaches out to the wider community is via a weekly one hour radio programme. The radio programme addresses topics of concern such as: family values, parenting; confidence building, career choices; fear, spiritual growth and community involvement. We aim to unravel the complexities of these issues and suggest a range of practical solutions for Christians and non-Christians alike.

Throughout the year respected speakers of note were invited to minister sermons, run seminars and training workshops on general topics of interest as well as current socio-political issues. The speakers eloquently dissect the Word of the Lord, for all audiences and levels of understanding. Church members, visitors and invited community guests have found it informative, supportive and empowering.

Corporate Prayer and Fasting was held for one week in January, March and again in September.

Due to the pandemic the UK went into lockdown and services were disrupted. Though the church moved online, many services were cancelled or shortened. Sunday services were first held on conference calls and then moved to zoom meetings. Special zoom meetings were held for young people and Sunday school.

International Women's Day in March was not affected as it occurred just before lockdown. The theme was *Your Voice Matters*. We were blessed by various in-house speakers, who delivered short exaltation and also a special song.

The Annual Easter program was held in April on zoom with the Easter Sunday service led by Pastor Pycy Morson.

The Men's Conference in June was cancelled due to the lockdown and government restrictions.

Our Family Fun Day normally held in July was cancelled, however, due to the lifting of some government restrictions we were able to have a church BBQ on 16th August on the sports grounds. Followed, by a picnic on 13th September. The decision was made to carry on with zoom as not all members were able to resume attending church.

We hosted our second Marriage Seminar for couples via zoom on 19th September. The theme was *"Learning to Live after the Honeymoon"*. Guest speakers were Mark and Joylette Hudson. On the 20th September Gomer faith ministries celebrated Harvest Festival with Pastor Pycy Morson leading. Donations taken were given to Branches (Charity) and members of the congregation who were in need.

Our annual Family Focus Conference was held on 17th and 18th October on zoom and in person, entitled: *"Be Apart of the Family"*. Pastor Michael and Pauline took the Saturday meeting while Pastor Isaac Williams took the Sunday meeting.

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In today's world there is much strife inside and outside the home. We learnt how to be a part of the family rather than detached and how to find peace.

In November 2020, we left Waldham Lodge Sports Ground premises and relocated to the Epping Forest Hotel in Woodford Green on the 6th December. We hired rooms for church and Sunday school meetings. We worked closely with the hotel staff to ensure we met all of the government's Covid-19 safety requirements.

A van has been hired to help transport people from Walthamstow Central station to the hotel. The hotel was a blessing to the church as we hoped we were a blessing to them, and the community around it.

The month of December still saw government restrictions in place though some were lifted for the Christmas period. The church continued to meet every Sunday in December except for the 27th. On the 20th December, the children took part in a Christmas video story with the help of their parents. Each child was given a verse to read, that covered the nativity, while the parents recorded the child as they read it. Each clip was then edited to create a short film for the church so that both in-house and online members could be blessed with it. The church left the building with hot drinks to take with them as the day was very cold.

The Church

Gomer Faith Ministries continues to grow a steady flow of young new Believers.

The Toddler group, with a regular cohort of five children; Sunday school and Youth Ministry continue to grow in number and spiritual development. Services were a mixture of, virtual and face to face contact in line with government guidelines.

The Missions

The ministry continues to support the work carried out by Waltham Forest Youth for Christ through regular prayers. All other activities were suspended due to the pandemic

Public Benefit

We have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commission's General Guidance on public benefit when reviewing our aim and objectives and in planning our future activities. In particular, The Trustees consider how planned activities will contribute to the aims and objectives they have set.

Total receipts for the year were £50,634 and total payments for the year were £46,478 giving a net surplus for the year of £4,156.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity Law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the Charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper account records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 1991. In preparing the accounts, the Trustees should follow best practice and confirm that they have:

- (a) selected suitable account policies and applied them consistently;
- (b) made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- (c) followed applicable accounting standards, and;
- (d) prepared the accounts on a going concern basis.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

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Approval

This Report was approved by the Trustees on15/10/2021.....

And signed on their behalf by:

Signed.....

Michael Lewis
Chairman

Independent Examiners Report

We report on the financial statements of the Charity for the year ended 31 December 2020, which is set out below, and notes to the financial statements on pages 9 to 12.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As the charity Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charity Act 1993 (the Act) and that independent examination is needed.

It is therefore, our responsibility to:

Examine the accounts (under section 43 of the 1993 Act);

To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7) (b) of the Act; and

To state whether particular matters have come to our attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes review of the accounting records kept by the Trustees and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the account and seeking explanation from you as 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. We do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent Examiners Statement

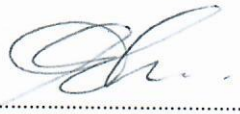
In accordance with the examination, no matter has come to our attention:

- 1) Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
to prepare accounts which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act;

have not been met or

- 2) To which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name: Evans Ohonba; MSc, MAAT.

Signature.....

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Statement of Financial Activities

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
Income and endowment from:					
Donations and legacies		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		37,929	-	37,929	45,379
Other		12,705	-	12,705	13,190
				-	-
TOTAL		<u>50,634</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,634</u>	<u>58,570</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds					
Charitable activities	1	46,478	-	46,478	61,616
Other		-	-	-	-
Total		<u>46,478</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>46,478</u>	<u>61,616</u>
Net Income/(expenditure)		<u>4,156</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,156</u>	<u>(3,046)</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		<u>3,242</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,242</u>	<u>6,288</u>
Total Funds carried forward		<u>7,398</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,398</u>	<u>3,242</u>

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses in the year. All incoming resources and resources expended derive from continuing activities.

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**GOMER FAITH MINISTRIES
BALANCE SHEET
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	Notes	2020	2019
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS	2	1,061	653
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtor		-	-
Bank and Cash		<u>6,837</u>	<u>2839</u>
		6,837	2,839
Current Liabilities			
Creditors	3	<u>(500)</u>	<u>(250)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	4	<u>6,337</u>	<u>2,589</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>7,398</u>	<u>3,242</u>
FUNDS			
Restricted	5		
Unrestricted		<u>7,398</u>	<u>3,242</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>7,398</u>	<u>3,242</u>

These accounts were approved by the trustees on



Michael Lewis (Chairman)

15/10/2021

1. Principal accounting policies

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention (as modified by the revaluation of freehold properties to market values) and in accordance with the statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities issued in March 2005, applicable accounting standards and the Charities Act 1993.

b) Fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets, except for land and building, are stated at cost less where applicable, amounts written off on a straight line basis.

Rates of depreciation:

Computer equipment 20% straight line

c) Income

Income resources are recognised in the year for which they are receivable.

d) Taxation

The charity has received charitable exemption under Section 505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988.

e) Expenditure

Expenditure is included in the financial statements on an accrual basis.

2. Grant, donation and other gifts

Grants, donations and other gifts receivable for the general purposes of the Charity are credited to unrestricted funds. Donations for purposes restricted by the wishes of the donor are taken to restricted funds.

3. Resources expended

Costs of generating funds comprise the costs associated with attracting voluntary income. Charitable expenditure comprises those costs incurred by the charity in the deliverance 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.

Governance cost include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory Requirements of the charity and include the Independent Examiners fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.

All costs are allocated between the expenditure categories of the statement of Financial Activities on a basis designed to reflect the use of the resource. Costs relating to a particular activity are allocated directly; others are apportioned on an appropriate basis.

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GOMER FAITH MINISTRIES NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2020

1. Charitable activities	Church	Missions	Building	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£		£	£
Rent	19,136	-	-	19,136	26,300
Accountancy Cost	250	-	-	250	250
Pastor allowance	8,000	-	-	8,000	5,950
Admin Salary	2,730	-	-	2,730	2,940
Evangelism Cost	370	-	-	370	480
Mission Cost	-	-	-	-	250
Musician Cost	3,916	-	-	3,916	8,606
Fund Raising	-	-	-	-	-
Men's Ministry	-	-	-	-	-
Children/Youth Ministry	112	-	-	112	90
Telephone	752	-	-	752	934
Gift to Visiting Ministries	-	-	-	-	1,000
Insurance	449	-	-	449	556
Repairs and Renewals	2,166	-	-	2,166	1,905
Gift and Donation	1,540	-	-	1,540	4,694
Printing, Postage & Stationery	379	-	-	379	736
Depreciation	671	-	-	671	654
Sundries	1,527	-	-	1,527	1,612
Building Maintenance	770	-	-	770	3,544
Advertising	163	-	-	163	316
Utilities	3,547	-	-	3,547	800
Totals	46,478	-	-	46,478	61,616

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2. FIXED ASSETS

	Computer Equipment £	Total £
Cost at 1st January 2020	3,269	3,269
Additions	<u>1,079</u>	<u>1,079</u>
Cost at 31st December 2020	<u>4,348</u>	<u>4,348</u>
Depreciation at 1st January 2020	2,616	2,616
Charge for the year	<u>671</u>	<u>671</u>
Depreciation at 31st December 2020	<u>3,287</u>	<u>3,287</u>
Net Book Value at 31st December 2020	<u><u>1,061</u></u>	<u><u>1,061</u></u>
Net Book Value at 31 st December 2019	<u><u>653</u></u>	<u><u>653</u></u>

3. CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accrual	500	250
	<u>500</u>	<u>250</u>

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4. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	2020 £
Fixed Assets	1,061		1,061
Current Assets	6,837	-	6,837
Current Liabilities	(500)	-	(500)
Long term liabilities	-	-	-
	<u>7,398</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,398</u>

5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	B/F 01/01/2020	Income	Expenses	C/F 31/12/2020
	£	£	£	£
Building Fund	-	-	-	-
Missions	92	-	-	92
	<u>92</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>92</u>

6. TRUSTEES' EMOLUMENTS

	2020 £	2019 £
M. Lewis (Pastor)	8,000	5,950