

GOMER FAITH MINISTRIES

TRUSTEES' REPORT AND ACCOUNTS 31 December 2023

**GOMER FAITH MINISTRIES
REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

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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 2023

The Trustees of Gomer Faith Ministries hereby submit their Report, together with the Financial Statements of the Charity for the year ending 31st December 2023. 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/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.

New trustees are provided with a copy of the declaration of trust and the constitution together with the latest report and accounts and are expected to attend appropriate seminars, meetings and conferences held in the year.

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 members safety and according to government guideline requirement.

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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. Sunday school was for children aged 4-12 years and youth 13-18.

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 show 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 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 in January, April and again in September.

With our new premises at Destiny Centre which we share with other churches, we begin church at 13:00 to 14:30 with time for fellowship afterwards. We also have the space available every other Friday which is used for Worship practice.

We recognised International Women's Day in March followed by an Afternoon Tea. We also celebrated Mother's Day in March.

The Annual Easter program was held in April on live and on YouTube with the Easter Sunday service led by Pastor Michael A Lewis. The theme was *Empty Cross, Empty Tomb*.

In June we began to organise our community programme called the Aruka Fund. We were able to help with vouchers for families with children who needed school uniforms. This was completed in the autumn term. We also celebrated Father's Day in June.

August the church was blessed to come together for a Family Fun Day at Hainault Forest Country Park.

September began with prayer and fasting with the theme 'Abide in Me'. On the 24th September we celebrated Harvest Festival. In September we also invited Sister Claudine to join us to help with ministry to the youth. We believe great things will be achieved through her faith in God.

In October we held Family Focus over five weeks. The theme was *Moving Together as a Family*. We invited Pastor Delrose to teach on Singles, Pastor Andrew on Couples, Pastor Michael on Children, Dwight McCook on Young people and Pastor Pyrcy on Family. It was a great time of learning how God wants us to focus on the family.

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For Christmas we celebrated the Saviour's birth with a wonderful Carol Service. Hampers were passed out to the homeless charity Branches and to Lyndon Children Family Hub.

The Church

Gomer Faith Ministries continues to baptise new believers. Sunday school and Youth Ministry continue to grow in spiritual development. Also the church assisted families by dedicating their newborns to the Lord.

The Mission

This year Gomer Faith Ministry supported Waltham Forest by donating vouchers for children who needed school uniforms and hampers for the homeless charities Branches and Lyndon Children Family Hub.

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 £58,581 and total payments for the year were £62,775 giving a net deficit for the year of (£4,194).

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.

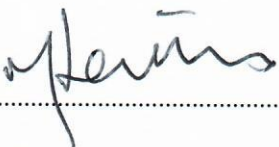
We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

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Approval

This Report was approved by the Trustees on15/10/2024.....

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 2023, 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 £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
Income and endowment from:					
Donations and legacies		-	-	-	-
Charitable activities		42,999	10	43,009	53,212
Other		15,572	-	15,572	7,831
				-	-
TOTAL		<u>58,571</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>58,581</u>	<u>61,043</u>
Expenditure on:					
Raising funds					
Charitable activities	1	61,885	890	62,775	53,285
Other		-	-	-	-
Total		<u>61,885</u>	<u>890</u>	<u>62,775</u>	<u>53,285</u>
Net Income/(expenditure)		<u>(3,314)</u>	<u>(880)</u>	<u>(4,194)</u>	<u>7,758</u>
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		<u>19,778</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,778</u>	<u>12,020</u>
Total Funds carried forward		<u>16,464</u>	<u>(880)</u>	<u>15,584</u>	<u>19,778</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
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023**

	Notes	2023	2022
		£	£
FIXED ASSETS	2	413	629
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtor		1,200	2,000
Bank and Cash		<u>14,721</u>	<u>17,650</u>
		15,921	19,650
Current Liabilities			
Creditors	3	<u>(750)</u>	<u>(501)</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	4	<u>15,171</u>	<u>19,149</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>15,584</u>	<u>19,778</u>
FUNDS			
Restricted	5		
Unrestricted		<u>15,584</u>	<u>19,778</u>
TOTAL FUNDS		<u>15,584</u>	<u>19,778</u>

These accounts were approved by the trustees on



Michael Lewis (Chairman)

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 2023

1. Charitable activities	Church	Missions	Building	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£		£	£
Rent	19,375	-	-	19,375	18,675
Accountancy Cost	250	-	-	250	250
Pastor allowance	9,800	-	-	9,800	8,400
Admin Salary	1,350	-	-	1,350	3,240
Evangelism Cost	1,454	-	-	1,454	400
Mission Cost	-	890	-	890	100
Musician Cost	12,890	-	-	12,890	8,940
Travel Exp	449	-	-	449	360
Storage	-	-	-	-	1,271
Children/Youth Ministry	116	-	-	116	200
Telephone	304	-	-	304	170
Tuckshop	2,284	-	-	2,284	1,540
Insurance	484	-	-	484	493
Repairs and Renewals	1,175	-	-	1,175	1,600
Gift and Donation	2,364	-	-	2,364	1,482
Printing, Postage & Stationery	-	-	-	-	85
Depreciation	216	-	-	216	216
Sundries	1,210	-	-	1,210	1,831
Building Maintenance	175	-	-	175	515
Men's ministry	100	-	-	100	50
Women's Ministry	300	-	-	300	234
PA & Media	7,587	-	-	7,587	-
Event	-	-	-	-	2,574
Utilities	-	-	-	-	658
Totals	61,885	890	-	62,775	53,285

2. FIXED ASSETS

	Computer Equipment	Total
	£	£
Cost at 1st January 2023	1,079	1,079
Additions	-	-
Cost at 31st December 2023	<u>1,079</u>	<u>1,079</u>
Depreciation at 1st January 2023	450	450
Charge for the year	<u>216</u>	<u>216</u>
Depreciation at 31st December 2023	<u>666</u>	<u>666</u>
Net Book Value at 31st December 2023	<u><u>413</u></u>	<u><u>413</u></u>
Net Book Value at 31 st December 2022	<u><u>629</u></u>	<u><u>629</u></u>

3. CURRENT LIABILITIES

Accrual	750	501
	<u>750</u>	<u>501</u>

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4. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	2023 £
Fixed Assets	413		413
Current Assets	15,921	-	15,921
Current Liabilities	- 750	-	- 750
Long term liabilities	-	-	-
	<u>15,584</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,584</u>

5. RESTRICTED FUNDS

	B/F 01/01/2023	Income	Expenses	C/F 31/12/2023
	£	£	£	£
Building Fund	-	-	-	-
Missions	1,316	10	(690)	636
	<u>1,316</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>(690)</u>	<u>636</u>

6. TRUSTEES' EMOLUMENTS

	2023 £	2022 £
M. Lewis (Pastor)	9,800	8,400