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New Life Suwarta Sangat

Report & Accounts

31 March 2024

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Report and accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charity Name: New Life Suwarta Sangat

Charity registration no: 1132336

Company registration no: 07020916

Registered office: 17 Northwick Park Road, Harrow
Middlesex HA1 2NY

Principal address: Loretto Gardens, Kenton, Harrow, Middlesex HA3 9LZ

Trustees: Matthew Irvine (appointed 16th September 2009)
Manjula Shah* (appointed 3rd April 2012)
Kanchan Vohora (appointed 22nd November 2019)
Karis Ponnampalam (appointed 1st July 2023)

**Manjula served as trustee up until her death on 29 May 2024*

Bankers: Santander UK plc
2 Triton Square, Regent's Place, London NW1 3AN

Trustees Annual Report for the period ended 31st March 2024

The trustees of the charity, who are also the directors for the purposes of Company Act, have pleasure in submitting their report together with the financial statements for the year ending 31st March 2024.

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies set out in note 1 to the financial statements and comply with the Church's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)".

The purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document.

1. To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs appearing in the schedule hereto in North West London and in such other parts of The United Kingdom or the world as the directors of the Charity (herein called "the trustees") may from time to time think fit and to fulfil such other purposes which are exclusively charitable according to the law of England and Wales and are connected with the charitable work of the Charity;
2. To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind, including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the Trustees from time to time may think fit.

The main activities undertaken in relation to those purposes during the year.

The spiritual governance of the church is taken by the Leadership Team which was organised by the Trustees in January 2011. The Leadership Team is composed of one of the four Trustees, namely, Matthew Irvine besides three others on the Leadership Team. There is a division of labour between the Leadership Team (i.e. Spiritual Oversight) and the Trustee Board (i.e. Financial and Administrative Oversight).

The Church conducts regular meetings for the worship of God. The central worship meeting takes place each Sunday at 11:00 am.

The main activities undertaken during the year to further the charity's purpose for the public benefit. All members of the public are welcome to attend the service and the activities at the church, and our membership comprises people from various ethnic and social backgrounds.

There were outreach events held during school holidays or on other significant Christian dates. Attendance at the weekly Sunday meetings ranged from 30 to 50 people.

Youth Clubs for boys and girls met every other week during school term time (Wednesday and Friday evenings). The Mums and Toddler Group takes place on Friday mornings. We also conducted periodic spiritual bhajans in needy people's homes for their blessing. There were also regular women's and men's meetings for bible study and encouragement which happened in personal homes. (Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays and Saturdays)

Risk management

The Church has operated smoothly over the year in review and the Trustees have not identified any major risks to which the Church may be exposed. Financial and operating procedures are appropriate for an organisation of this size and nature. An insurance policy is current which mitigates against the financial risk that is commensurate with the nature of activities undertaken by the Church.

Objectives and Activities

Aims and organisation

The aims of the Church are to advance the Christian faith in North West London and in other such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the trustees may from time-to-time think fit.

Public benefit

All members of the public are welcome to attend the services and activities at the Church, and our membership comprises people from various ethnic and social backgrounds.

Achievements and Performance

Review of operations during the year

The Church conducts regular meetings for the worship of God. The central worship meeting takes place each Sunday at 11:00 am. There were outreach events held during school holidays or on other significant Christian dates.

Attendance at the weekly Sunday meetings ranged from 30 to 50 people. Special outreach events included:

- 07 April: Good Friday Service
- 14 April: Easter Service & Lunch
- 28 April: Family Game Night
- 09 July: Church Lunch w/ LEAP team
- 21 July: Volunteer Training for Summer Kids Club
- 24–28 July: Summer Kids Club
- 26 July: Volunteer Party (for Summer Kids Club)
- 27 July: Parents Night (for Summer Kids Club)
- 03 August: Games & Gathiya (adults/teens game night)
- 10 August: Games & Gathiya (adults/teens game night)
- 17 August: Games & Gathiya (adults/teens game night)
- 31 August: Games & Gathiya (adults/teens game night)
- 20 October: Family Game Night
- 29 October: Celebration of the Light Service & Lunch
- 17 November: Family Game Night
- 19 November: Thanksgiving Lunch
- 27 November: Prayer Meeting
- 10 December: Nativity Practise
- 17 December: Christmas/Nativity Service & Lunch
- 22 December: Christmas Movie Night
- 26 December: Boxing Day Bash (games, arts & crafts, snacks)
- 25 January: Prayer Meeting
- 28 February: Outreach Training with Operation Mobilization team
- 03 March: Outreach Service & Lunch w/ Rahil Patel
- 05 March: Outreach training with RUF LEAP team
- 09 March: Outreach training with RUF LEAP team
- 10 March: Outreach training with RUF LEAP team
- 12 March: Outreach training with RUF LEAP team
- 21 March: Church Family Meeting
- 24 March: Easter Outreach Service & Lunch
- 29 March: Good Friday Service
- 31 March: Easter Service & Lunch

Youth Clubs for boys and girls met every other week during school term time (Wednesday and Friday evenings), as did the Mums and Toddler Group (Friday mornings). There were also regular women's and men's meetings for bible study and encouragement which happened in personal homes (Wednesdays and Thursdays).

Financial review of the position at the reporting date 31 March 2024

The trustees consider the financial performance by the charity during the year to have been satisfactory and in line with aims and objectives of the charity.

Financial and operating procedures are appropriate for an organisation of this size and nature. An insurance policy is current which mitigates against the financial risk that is commensurate with the nature of activities undertaken by the Church.

Policies on reserves

It is the policy of the Church to maintain unrestricted funds at a level which takes into account the future needs of the Church and the variable nature of general giving. The Church is also planning to employ a youth worker or a pastor at some point. The rent is increased considerably from March 2019 when the ten-year lease was renewed to six more years. As of 31st March 2024, the free reserves stood at **£7,095.75**. This includes **£335.35** raised by the Mothers and Toddlers Group which has been designated for use by that group. It also includes **£269.85** raised by Women Learning Together which is designated to be used by that group.

Availability and adequacy of assets of each of the funds

The board of trustees is satisfied that the charity's assets in each fund are available and adequate to fulfil its obligations in respect of each fund.

Principal funding sources

The Church's income is made up entirely of voluntary donations and offerings. Donations received for local or overseas missions and natural disasters are passed on to recipients at full value with no deductions for administrative costs.

Investment policy

The Trustees decided during 2012 to invest in a number of higher interest earning accounts whilst continuing to hold a prudent amount in a current bank account to cover fluctuations in normal business. Two deposit accounts were opened; one with a building society and another with a bank reflecting the Church's low risk approach and desire to spread risk across the banking sector.

Statement of the Trustee's Responsibilities

The Trustees (who are also directors of New Life Suwarta Sangat for the purposes of company law) 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).

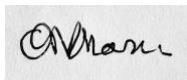
Company law requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the charitable company at the balance sheet date and its incoming resources and application of resources, including income and expenditure for the financial year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

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

The Trustees are responsible for maintaining adequate 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 Companies Act 2006. 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.

Approval

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies. This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Signed:

Date: 12 July 2024

KANCHAN VOHORA
Trustee



Signed:

Date: 12 July 2024

KARIS NELSON PONNAMPALAM
Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF NEW LIFE SUWARTA SANGAT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of New Life Suwarta Sangat (the Church) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Independent Examiner

As the trustees of the Church, you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of the church's financial statement carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

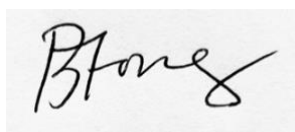
Independent Examiner's Statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you, as Trustees, concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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 2011, and to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 2011 have not been met; or
- (2) which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in my report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Brighton Fong FCCA
28/10/2024

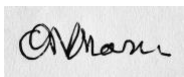
NEW LIFE SUWARTA SANGAT
Income and Expenditure Account
for the year ended 31 March 2024

			2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Restricted		
	Funds	Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Donations and legacies	40,495	0	40,495	35,479
Charitable activities	4,510	198	4,708	2,632
Investments	2,986	0	2,986	4,722
Total Income	47,991	198	48,189	42,834
EXPENDITURE				
Raising funds	0	0	0	0
Charitable activities	(51,757)	0	(51,757)	(40,511)
Total Expenditure	(51,757)	0	(51,757)	(40,511)
NET INCOME / (EXPENDITURE) FOR THE YEAR	(3,766)	198	(3,568)	2,323
Balance brought forward	103,608	198	103,806	138,635
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	99,842	396	100,238	140,958

NEW LIFE SUWARTA SANGAT
Balance Sheet
as at 31 March 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible assets		0	0
Investments		80,000	80,000
		80,000	80,000
CURRENT ASSETS			
Investments		15,000	15,000
Debtors	1	1,710	1,116
Cash at bank and in hand		7,096	45,868
		23,806	61,984
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	2	0	0
NET CURRENT ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)		103,806	141,984
NET ASSETS / (LIABILITIES)		103,806	141,984
FUNDS			
Unrestricted funds		103,608	138,360
Restricted funds (designated income)		198	275
TOTAL FUNDS		103,806	138,635

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustee and signed on its behalf by:



Signed:

Date: 12 July 2024

KANCHAN VOHORA
Trustee



Signed:

Date: 12 July 2024

KARIS NELSON PONNAMPALAM
Trustee

New Life Suwarta Sangat

Notes to the Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

1. Accounting policies

Basis of preparation

The statement of accounts has been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant note(s) to these accounts. The statement of accounts has been prepared in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Restricted funds are subjected to restrictions on their expenditure imposed by the donor or through the terms of an appeal.

Incoming resources

All incoming resources are included in the statement of financial activities when the charity is entitled to the income and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy. The following specific policies are applied to categories of income:

- Voluntary income is received by way of donations and gifts and is included in full in the Statement of Financial Activities when receivable.
- 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 in these accounts.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Expenditure includes any VAT which cannot be fully recovered, and 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.
- Governance costs include those costs associated with meeting the constitutional and statutory requirements of the charity and include the audit fees and costs linked to the strategic management of the charity.
- Specific items of expenditure are allocated to Restricted and Unrestricted activities as appropriate and general expenditure is allocated on an estimated apportionment.

Income

The income of the charity is primarily in the form of donations. It is accounted for on an accrual basis as far as it is prudent to do so.

2. Remuneration and payments to Trustees and persons connected with them

No trustees or persons connected with them received any remuneration from the charity.

3. Income

			2024	2023
Description	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
<u>Donations & Legacies</u>				
Donations and gifts	35,699		35,699	31,036
Gift Aid	4,797		4,797	4,442
Legacies	0		0	0
Total	40,495	0	40,495	35,479
Charitable Activities				
Summer Club	0	180	180	0
Mums & Tots	0	18	18	848
Women Learning Together	4,510		4,510	1,785
Furlough	0		0	0
Total	4,510	198	4,708	2,632
Investment Income				
Interest income	1,336		1,336	2,087
Rental income	1,650		1,650	2,635
Total	2,986	0	2,986	4,722
TOTAL INCOME	47,991	198	48,189	42,834

4. Expenditure

			2024	2023
Description	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total funds	Total funds
	£	£	£	£
Expenditure on charitable activities				
Grants & donations	6,620		6,620	7,270
Church leadership & activities	36,353		36,353	29,191
Overheads	8,715		8,715	3,850
Investments	0		0	0
Governance costs	69		69	200
Total	51,757	0	51,757	40,511

5. Investments

Description	Current	Non-current	2024	2023
	£	£	£	£
Carrying value at the beginning of year	15,000	80,000	95,000	95,000
add: transfer in	15,000	50,000	65,000	0
less: transfer out	-15,000	-50,000	-65,000	0
Carrying value at end of year	15,000	80,000	95,000	95,000

6. Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other debtors	1,710	1,116

7. Charity Funds

Fund names	Fund balances brought forward £	Income £	Expense £	Transfers £	Gains & losses £	Fund balances carried forward £
Unrestricted	138,360	47,991	(51,757)	(30,986)	0	103,608
Restricted - Mums & Tots	275	198	0	(275)	0	198
Total funds as per balance sheet	138,635	48,189	(51,757)	(31,261)	0	103,806